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# **Town of Meredith**

**For Year Ending December 31**

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of the  
TOWN OF MEREDITH

*For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31*

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**TOWN OFFICERS**  
of the  
**TOWN OF MEREDITH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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<b>Moderator</b>	Arthur F. Pottle
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Guy U. Horne

**SELECTMEN**

Marshall S. Hodsdon	Henry T. Boothby
Norman R. Martin	

<b>Town Manager</b>	Robert W. Rhodes
<b>Treasurer</b>	Richard B. Wein
<b>Tax Collector</b>	Town Manager

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Joseph Smith	Horace U. Ransom
<b>Justice of Municipal Court</b>	Ripley Ropes
<b>Health Officer</b>	Town Manager
<b>Police Officer</b>	Carroll Straw

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

John Beede	John Weeks
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**SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST**

Shepherd Brown	Marjorie Piper	Paul Weeks
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**SCHOOL BOARD**

Carl Chase, Chairman	
Jane Ambrose	Sedley Bartlett
Joseph Pignone	Sydney Batchelder

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Mary Plancon	Mary Robertson
Linden Grad	John Beede
Constance Ramsey	Ralph F. Flather
<b>Auditors</b>	State Tax Commission

State of New Hampshire  
**Meredith Town Warrant**

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**To the Inhabitants of the Town of Meredith qualified to vote in Town affairs.**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 1952, at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

- 1 To bring in your ballots for Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, Treasurer for one year, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years and two Library Trustees for three years.
- 2 To choose all other necessary Town Officers.
- 3 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes for current year and issue notes therefor and said notes to be repaid during the current municipal year.
- 4 To hear the report of the budget and act thereon.
- 5 To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the benefit of the Laconia Hospital. (By request Laconia Hospital Association).
- 6 To raise such sums of money as will be necessary for repairs to Highways and Bridges — Summer Maintenance.
- 7 To raise such sums of money as will be necessary for snow removal and sanding — Winter Maintenance.
- 8 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for General Highway Expenses.



- 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$896.23 for Town Road Aid for construction, maintenance and reconstruction of rural post roads and Class V highways provided the State will set aside \$5,974.86 for this purpose.
- 10 To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the further preparation of complete assessment records.
- 11 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for Police Protection.
- 12 To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate toward the support of the Fire Department.
- 13 To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of libraries.
- 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Meredith Village Cemetery Association for care and betterment of the cemeteries. (By request Meredith Village Cemetery Association).
- 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Oakland Cemetery Association for care and betterment of the cemeteries. (By request Oakland Cemetery Association).
- 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$441.00, which is 1/100 of one per cent of the assessed valuation of the Town, to the Lakes Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural resources of the Town, in co-operation with other towns in the Lakes Region. (By request Lakes Region Association.)
- 17 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the payment of Old Age Assistance and for the benefit of indigent persons chargeable to the Town of Meredith.

- 18 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through tax collector's deeds.
- 19 To see how much the Town will vote to raise and appropriate toward defraying the expenses of Band Concerts for the season of 1952. (By request).
- 20 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the old Meredith Center Road (so-called) from the Chemung Road in Meredith Center to the present Meredith Center Road. (By request).
- 21 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply the sum of \$24,000.00, toward defraying the cost of construction of the sewerage disposal system in the town. Said sum being the amount remaining to the credit of said town.
22. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

MARSHALL S. HODSDON

NORMAN R. MARTIN

HENRY T. BOOTHBY

Selectmen of Meredith, N. H.

A true copy of warrant — attest:

MARSHALL S. HODSDON

NORMAN R. MARTIN

HENRY T. BOOTHBY

Selectmen of Meredith, N. H.

# Budget for 1952

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### TOWN OF MEREDITH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures  
For the Year January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

Compared with

Estimated & Actual Revenue, Appropriations, Expenditures  
of the Previous Year January 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue 1951	Actual Revenue 1951	Estimated Revenue 1952
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest and Dividend Tax	\$9,831.81	\$9,831.81	\$9,000.00
Railroad Tax	100.00	128.32	100.00
Savings Bank Tax	700.00	500.88	500.00
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Rent of Town Hall			1,500.00
Business License & Permits	150.00	170.00	150.00
Fines and Forfeits, Municipal Court	75.00	280.80	100.00
Int. Rec'd. on Taxes & Deposits	600.00	826.96	600.00
Motor Vehicle Fees	8,000.00	9,012.11	8,000.00
Dog Licenses	400.00	507.00	400.00
Reimb. of Town Mgr.'s Salary			750.00
Sale of Huber Grader	1,050.00	1,050.00	
Due from Sewer Account			806.30
<b>From Local Sources other Than Property Taxes:</b>			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	2,114.00	1,634.00	2,120.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	51.00	41.00	41.00
Timber Tax	533.09	3,159.23	500.00
(Total Revenue from all Sources Except Property Taxes)			24,567.30
Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes			174,380.15
Total Revenues			\$198,945.45



# Budget for 1952

EXPENDITURES	Appropriation	Expenditure	Estimate
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,700.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,500.00	2,423.36	2,500.00
Election & Registration Exp.	300.00	237.45	600.00
Municipal Court Expense	200.00	200.00	400.00
Town Hall & other Buildings	500.00	307.98	500.00
Town Clerk's Fees	600.00	893.50	700.00
Tax Commission	200.00	283.74	300.00
Vital Statistics	100.00	70.00	100.00
Clerical	1,850.00	2,044.48	2,050.00
Town Manager's Salary	4,100.00	4,099.68	4,800.00
Town Manager's Expenses	500.00	477.32	700.00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>			
Police Department	3,250.00	3,161.80	3,250.00
Fire Department	3,127.00	3,127.00	3,127.00
Forest Fires	200.00		200.00
Blister Rust	400.00	400.00	400.00
Insurance	2,150.00	2,296.17	2,250.00
Street Lighting	350.00	268.49	350.00
<b>Health and Sanitation:</b>			
Public Health Nurse	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Laconia Hospital	500.00	800.00	
Life Guard—Waukegan	200.00	200.00	300.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Summer Maintenance	11,000.00	10,814.89	9,000.00
Winter Maintenance	10,000.00	11,043.22	11,500.00
Street Cleaning	500.00	476.46	500.00
Town Dump	400.00	556.77	500.00
General Expenses of Dept.	5,000.00	4,780.40	6,000.00
Town Construction			1,000.00
State Aid	934.12	896.37	896.23
Libraries:	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
Lakes Region Association:			441.00
Cemeteries:	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

**Public Welfare:**

Town Poor	3,500.00	2,850.62	3,000.00
Old Age Assistance	8,000.00	9,334.83	9,000.00

**Patriotic Purposes:**

Memorial Day	350.00	334.14	350.00
Aid to Soldiers	300.00	214.80	300.00

Parks and Playgrounds	1,100.00	1,100.86	2,000.00
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Interest:	1,900.00	2,218.51	4,370.00
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Damages, Legal Expenses	200.00	220.59	500.00
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Band Concerts			500.00
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Town Indebtedness	24,500.00	33,500.00	17,500.00
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**Other Agencies:**

County Tax	30,000.00	19,028.09	17,000.00
School	83,828.37	28,177.24	84,863.22
Employees' Retirement	950.00	562.36	1,100.00

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\$198,947.45

# Public Property

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Town Hall and Land	\$20,000.00
Furniture & Equipment incl. Selectmens Office	2,500.00
Library, Land and Buildings	30,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	10,000.00
Fire Equipment and Station	60,000.00
Office Equipment and Furniture	1,000.00

## Highway Department:

Highway Garage	10,000.00
4-Wheel Drive Walter Snow Fighter Plow	10,000.00
Adams Grader	4,000.00
International Power Grader	1,000.00
International Sidewalk Plow	1,000.00
Cold Patch Mixer	150.00
5,000 feet Snow Fence	200.00
2 Road Sanders	200.00
2 Ford Trucks	3,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds	25,000.00
175 Acres Forest Land	750.00
Nelson Snow Loader	4,000.00

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\$182,800.00

## Land Acquired by Tax Titles:

L. M. Pike, woodlot, Merrill Place	\$100.00	100.00
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## Meredith Village Fire District:

Land for New Station	3,200.00
Fire Dept. Land	700.00
Equipment	25,000.00
Water Systems	65,000.00
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	93,900.00

## School District:

Land and Buildings	64,000.00
Equipment	5,200.00
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	69,200.00



## Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

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Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,500.00
Town Manager's Salary	4,100.00
Town Manager's Expenses	500.00
Election and Registration Expenses	300.00
Municipal Court Expenses	200.00
Town Hall and Buildings	500.00
Police Department	3,250.00
Fire Department	3,127.00
Blister Rust-Moth Extermination	400.00
Health Dept. (including Hospital & Red Cross)	3,000.00
Insurance	2,150.00
Vital Statistics	100.00
Office Help	1,850.00
Town Road Aid	896.37
Town Maintenance	21,000.00
Street Cleaning	500.00
Purchase of Town Hall	3,225.00
Forest Fires	200.00
Street Lighting	350.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	5,000.00
Aid to Soldiers	300.00
Audit	250.00
New Equipment	5,300.00
Libraries	1,900.00
Old Age Assistance	8,000.00
Town Poor	3,500.00
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	350.00
Parks and Playgrounds	1,100.00
Town Clerk's Fees	600.00
Cemeteries	1,000.00
Town Dump — Maintenance	400.00
Damages and Legal Expense	200.00
Interest	1,800.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	24,500.00
County Tax	19,028.09
School Tax	79,276.49
Meredith Historical Society	500.00
Assessment Records	1,000.00
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Total Town and School Appropriations	203,852.95

**LESS —Estimated Revenues and Credits:**

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 9,831.81	
Railroad Tax	100.00	
Savings Bank Tax	700.00	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	533.09	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	8,000.00	
Dog Licenses	400.00	
Business Licenses and Permits	150.00	
Fines and Forfeits — Municipal Court	75.00	
Interest Received on Taxes	600.00	
Sale of Hueber Grader	1,050.00	
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Total Revenues and Credits	21,439.90	21,439.90
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		182,413.05
Plus Overlay		1,932.55
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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		184,345.60
Less: Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	2,114.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	44.00	
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		2,158.00
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Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes		182,187.60

**TAXES TO BE COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR**

Property Taxes	182,187.60	
Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	2,114.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	44.00	
Precinct Taxes	16,518.87	
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Total Taxes to be Committed		200,864.47

**TAX RATE**

Town .....	\$3.96
Precinct .....	\$4.92

# Report of Audit

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## DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

State Tax Commission — Concord, New Hampshire

February 20, 1952

Board of Selectmen  
Meredith, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual audit and examination of the accounts of the Town of Meredith for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1951, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

### Scope of Audit

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Trustees of Trust Funds.

### Financial Statements

**Comparative Balance Sheets: Dec. 31, 1950—Dec. 31, 1951:  
(Exhibit A)**

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1950 and December 31, 1951, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein the Net Debt decreased by \$27,012.27 in 1951.

### Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit B)

An analysis of the change in financial condition during the year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

#### Decreases in Net Debt

Net Budget Surplus	\$ 3,194.86
Long Term Notes Paid	30,000.00
Bonds Paid	3,500.00
Decrease in Accounts Payable	3,124.30
Increase in Accounts Receivable	613.01
Tax Collector's Excess Credits (Net)	41.98

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\$40,474.15



### **Increases in Net Debt**

Long Term Notes Issued	\$10,000.00	
Transfer of Funds from General		
Account to Payroll Account	443.40	
1950 Yield Taxes abated in 1951	60.10	
Reserve for Future Loss a/c		
Yield Taxes	2,958.38	
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		\$13,461.88
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Net Decrease		\$27,012.27

### **Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibit C & D)**

Comparative Statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1951, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary, (Exhibit D) a net revenue surplus of \$5,005.88, less a net overdraft of appropriations of \$1,811.02, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$3,194.86.

### **Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)**

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1951, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1951, is indicated in Exhibit F.

### **Statement of Long Term Indebtedness: (Exhibit L)**

A statement of long term indebtedness as of December 31, 1951, showing annual maturities of principal and annual interest requirements, is contained in Exhibit L.

### **Audit Procedure**

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records.

## General Comments

### Current Surplus:

It is noted that the Current Surplus (Excess of Total Assets over Current Liabilities) increased during 1951, from \$2,872.99 to \$6,385.26, as shown herewith:

	Dec. 31, 1950	Dec. 31, 1951
Total Assets	\$92,950.46	\$80,668.65
Current Liabilities	90,077.47	74,283.39
Current Surplus	<u>\$ 2,872.99</u>	<u>\$ 6,385.26</u>

### Tax Records:

It is again recommended that more care be given to the keeping of the Tax Collector's accounts and records, particularly in respect to the matter of posting items from the cash book to the warrant book. The Collector's accounts should be closed and balanced prior to the time of the annual audit. If this is done less time will be required to make the audit and the cost to the town incident thereto reduced.

### Conclusion:

The accounts of the town officials which we examined were found in good condition and the accounting and financial procedure, with exceptions as herein indicated, conformed to prescribed methods and procedure.

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual Town Report.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Meredith for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

Harold G. Fowler, Director  
Div. Mun. Accounting—State Tax. Comm.

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor  
Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING**  
**State Tax Commission — Concord, New Hampshire**

**February 20, 1952**

**Certificate of Audit**

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts and records of the Town of Meredith for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1951; and, with exceptions as herein indicated, found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town of Meredith and the results of operations for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Fowler, Director

Div. Mun. Accounting—State Tax. Comm.

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor

Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant



# **Exhibit A** **TOWN OF MEREDITH**

## **Comparative Balance Sheets**

### **Cash—Treasurer's Account:**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Dec. 31, '50 (Revised)</b>	<b>Dec. 31, '51</b>
General Fund Account	\$34,131.42	\$27,951.56
Sewer Construction Account	1,025.96	1,543.70
Fire Station Const. Account	11,268.67	1,539.56
Payroll Account	443.40	500.00
State Head Tax Account		5,245.00
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	46,869.45	36,779.82
Capital Reserve Fund (Contra)	8,921.17	
Bounties Due from State	20.25	39.25
Accounts Receivable	726.09	(a) 1,339.10
Unredeemed Taxes	432.28	439.09
Uncollected Taxes	35,981.22	41,121.39
Uncollected Head Taxes (Contra)		950.00
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Total Assets	92,950.46	80,668.65
Net Debt	71,127.01	44,114.74
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Total Assets & Net Debt	\$164,077.47	\$124,783.39

### **(a) Accounts Receivable:**

Town Mgr.'s Salary due from Water Dept. \$600.00  
Town Maint. Credit due from John Crafts 540.00

### **Insurance Reimbursements:**

Meredith Vill. Fire Dist.—Fire Dept.	135.16
Water Dept.	63.94
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	\$1,339.10

Liabilities	Dec. 31, '50 (Revised)	Dec. 31, 51
<b>Accounts Owed by Town:</b>		
Accounts Payable		\$3,124.30
<b>Unexpended Appropriations:</b>		
Municipal Court	\$ 200.00	\$
Hospital	500.00	
Employees' Retirement	950.00	387.64
Town Road Construction	2,791.41	24.84
Sewer Construction	1,025.96	1,543.70
Fire Station Construction	11,268.67	1,539.56
Tax Map (1946)	100.00	100.00
Town Dump Land	1,000.00	1,000.00
Note Matured-as of Dec. 31, 1950	10,000.00	
Assessment Records		836.78
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	27,836.04	5,432.52
Res. for Future Loss a/c Yield Taxes		2,958.38
<b>Due State of New Hampshire:</b>		
A/c Head Taxes Uncol. (Contra)		950.00
Ac/ Head Taxes & Penalties Coll. but not Remitted to State Treas.		5,245.00
Due Precinct-Bal. Precinct Approp.	2,902.96	3,205.00
Due School District-Approp. Acct.	46,822.60	56,492.49
Dog License Acct.	470.40	
Capital Reserve Fund (Contra)	8,921.17	
Bonds & Long Term Notes	64,000.00	50,500.00
Sewer Note Due—Dec. 31, 1950	10,000.00	
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Total Liabilities	\$164,077.47	\$124,783.39

**Exhibit B**  
**TOWN OF MEREDITH**

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**Reconciliation of Change in Financial Condition**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951**

Net Debt—December 31, 1950	\$71,127.01
Net Debt—December 31, 1951	44,114.74
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Decrease in Net Debt	\$27,012.27
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**Factors Affecting Decrease in Net Debt:**

Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit D)	\$ 3,194.86	
Long Term Notes Paid	30,000.00	
Bonds Paid	3,500.00	
Accounts Payable Decrease	3,124.30	
Accounts Receivable Increase	613.01	
Tax Collector's Excess Credits (Net)	41.98	
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		\$40,474.15

**Factors Affecting Increase in Net Debt:**

Long Term Notes Issued	\$10,000.00	
Adjusting Transfer of Funds from		
General acct. to Payroll acct.	443.40	
1950 Yield Taxes Abated in 1951	60.10	
Reserve Established to Cover Future		
Loss a/c Yield Taxes	2,958.38	
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		13,461.88
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Net Decrease		\$27,012.27
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# Exhibit C

## TOWN OF MEREDITH

### Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951

Title of Account	Liabilities Forwarded from 1950	Approp- riations 1951	Receipts & Reim- b'ments	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1951	Balances		Liabilities Forward'd to 1952
						Unexpended	Overdrawn	
Town Officers' Salaries & Clerk's Fees	\$	\$2,300.00	\$	\$ 2,300.00	\$2,743.50	\$	\$443.50	\$
Town Officers' Expenses, , Audit & Clerical		4,600.00		4,600.00	4,751.58		151.58	
Election & Registration Expenses		300.00		300.00	237.45		62.55	
Municipal Court Expenses	200.00	200.00		400.00	400.00			
Town Hall & Buildings		500.00	1,229.00	1,729.00	1,536.98		192.02	
Police Department		3,250.00	5.00	3,255.00	3,161.89		93.11	
Fire Dept. & Forest Fires		3,327.00	112.40	3,439.40	3,234.37		205.03	
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination		400.00		400.00	400.00			
Health Dept.—Nursing Association		2,200.00		2,200.00	1,500.00		700.00	
Hospitals	500.00	800.00		1,300.00	1,300.00			
Vital Statistics		100.00		100.00	70.00		30.00	
Historical Society		500.00		500.00	500.00			
Town Road Aid		896.37		896.37	896.37			
Town Maintenance		21,000.00	6,121.58	27,121.58	27,979.69		858.11	
Street Lighting		350.00		350.00	268.49		81.51	
General Expenses of Highways		5,000.00	2,076.21	7,076.21	6,856.61		219.60	
Town Mgr.'s Salary & Expenses		4,600.00	150.00	4,750.00	4,577.00		173.00	



Street Cleaning	500.00	500.00	476.46	23.54	
New Equipment—Fire Truck	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00		
Lands & Buildings—Town Hall	3,225.00(a)	6,000.00	9,225.00		
New Equipment—Highway	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00		
Libraries	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00		865.69
Old Age Assistance	8,000.00	469.14	8,469.14		
Town Poor	3,500.00	634.95	4,134.95	649.38	
Memorial Day	350.00	350.00	350.00		
Aid to Soldiers	300.00	300.00	214.80	85.20	
Parks and Playgrounds	1,100.00	68.31	1,168.31	1,100.86	67.45
Insurance	2,150.00		2,150.00	2,296.17	146.17
Cemeteries	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Damages & Legal, Damage by Dogs	200.00	200.00	220.59	20.59	
Town Dump	400.00	400.00	556.77	156.77	
Interest	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,218.51	418.51	
Long Term Notes & Bonds	10,000.00	34,500.00	33,500.00	1,000.00	
County Tax	19,028.09	19,028.09	19,028.09		
School Tax	46,822.60	126,099.09	69,606.60		
Assessment Records	1,000.00	1,000.00	163.22	56,492.49	
Employees' Retirement	950.00	950.00	562.36	836.78	
Highways & Bridges—Town Const.	2,791.41	2,791.41	2,766.57	387.64	
Sewer Const (Special Account)	1,025.96	(b)5,250.00	4,732.26	24.84	
Sewer Const. (Gen. Fund Acct.)			2,350.00	1,543.70	
Land & Bldgs.—Fire Station	11,268.67	(c)8,921.17	20,189.84	2,350.00	
Temporary Loans		70,000.00	18,650.28		1,539.56
Precinct Tax—Approp. Account	2,902.96	16,425.00	70,000.00		
1949 Dog License a/c to School Dis.	470.40	19,327.96	16,122.96	3,205.00	
Tax Map	100.00	470.40	470.40		
		100.00		100.00	

# Exhibit C (Concluded)

Lands & Bldgs.—Town Dump	1,000.00				1,000.00
Overlay-Abatements, Tax Refunds					
State Head Tax & Penalties Coll.		1,932.55	(d) 93.87	2,026.42	17.51
			5,245.00	5,245.00	
Totals	\$78,032.00	222,210.50	106,376.63	\$406,619.13	\$3,599.90
				\$338,055.14	\$5,410.92
					\$70,375.01

- (a) Long Term Notes Issued — Purchase of Town Hall.
- (b) Long Term Notes Issued — Sewer Construction \$4,000.00
- Check Cancelled — Sewer Construction Account 1,250.00

\$5,250.00

- (c) Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Fund.

- (d) Precinct Overlay.

# **Exhibit D** **TOWN OF MEREDITH**

## **Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues** **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951**

Source	Revenues		Excess	Deficit
	Estimated	Actual		
Interest and Dividend Tax	\$9,831.81	\$9,831.81	\$	\$
Railroad Tax	100.00	128.32	28.32	
Savings Bank Tax	700.00	500.88		199.12
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of				
Growing Wood and Timber	533.09	*3,159.23	2,626.14	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	8,000.00	9,012.11	1,012.11	
Dog Licenses	400.00	507.00	107.00	
Business Licenses, Permits				
& Filing Fees	150.00	170.00	20.00	
Fines & Forfeits—Mun. Court	75.00	280.00	205.80	
Interest Received on Taxes	600.00	826.96	226.96	
Sale of Huber Grader	1,050.00	1,050.00		
Refunds		1.40	1.40	
Excess of Taxes Committed over				
Budgetary Requirements		361.81	361.81	
Added Taxes During 1951		615.46	615.46	
Totals	\$21,439.90	\$26,445.78	\$5,205.00	\$199.12

(\*) Yield Taxes Assessed in 1951

### **Budget Summary**

Actual Revenues	\$26,445.78	
Estimated Revenues	21,439.90	
Net Revenue Surplus		\$5,005.88
Overdrafts of Appropriations	\$5,410.92	
Unexpended Balances of		
Appropriations	3,599.90	
Net Overdraft of Appropriations		1,811.02
Net Budget Surplus		\$3,194.86

**EXHIBIT E**  
**TOWN OF MEREDITH**

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**Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951**

**RECEIPTS**

**Current Revenue:**

**Local Taxes:**

**Current Year:**

Property Taxes	\$160,088.68
Poll Taxes	1,634.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	41.00
Yield Taxes	1,845.38
State Head Taxes	5,240.00

\$168,849.06

**Prior Years:**

Property Taxes	\$33,790.71
Poll Taxes	438.00

34,228.71

Interest Received on Taxes	826.96
Penalties on State Head Taxes	5.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	794.94

**State of New Hampshire:**

Interest & Dividend Tax	\$9,831.81
Railroad Tax	128.32
Savings Bank Tax	500.88
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	409.14

10,870.15

**Local Sources, Except Taxes:**

Dog Licenses	\$ 507.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	170.00
Fines & Forfeits — Municipal Court	280.80
Rent of Town Property	1,226.00
Registration of Motor Vehicles	9,012.11

11,195.91



## Exhibit E (Continued)

### Income From Departments:

#### Credits to Appropriation Accounts:

Old Age Assistance	\$ 60.00
Town Poor	634.95
Fire Department	112.40
General Expense of Highways	2,076.21
Police Department	5.00
Winter Maintenance	338.15
Town Hall	3.00
Summer Maintenance	5,783.43
Parks & Playgrounds	68.31
Town Manager's Salary-Fire Dist.	150.00
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	9,231.45

#### Credits to Revenue Accounts:

Sale of Grader	1,050.00
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Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$237,052.18
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#### Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans	\$70,000.00
Long Term Notes — 1951 Issue	10,000.00
Refunds — Payroll Account	1.40
Refunds — Cancelled Check — Sewer Account	1,250.00
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Fund (Fire)	8,921.17
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	\$90,172.57

Total Receipts From All Sources	\$327,224.75
Balance on Hand—January 1, 1951	46,869.45
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Grand Total	\$374,094.20
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## Exhibit E (Continued)

### EXPENDITURES

#### Current Maintenance Expenses:

##### General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$2,743.50	
Town Manager's Salary	4,099.68	
Town Officers' Expenses	2,749.48	
Town Manager's Expenses	477.32	
Clerical Salaries	2,002.10	
Election & Registration	237.45	
Municipal Court	400.00	
Town Hall & Other Buildings	1,536.98	
	<hr/>	\$14,246.51

##### Protection of Persons & Property

Police Department	\$3,161.89	
Fire Department & Forest Fires	3,234.37	
Moth Extermination — Blister Rust	400.00	
Bounties	19.00	
Damage by Dogs	79.19	
Insurance	2,296.17	
	<hr/>	9,190.62

##### Health:

Hospital	\$1,300.00	
Nursing Association	1,500.00	
Town Dump	556.77	
Vital Statistics	70.00	
	<hr/>	3,426.77

##### Highways & Bridges:

Town Road Aid	\$ 896.37	
Town Maintenance		
Summer	16,543.92	
Winter	11,435.77	
Street Lighting	268.49	
General Expenses of Highways	6,856.61	
Street Cleaning	476.46	
	<hr/>	36,477.62

## Exhibit E (Continued)

### Libraries:

Library	1,900.00
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### Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	\$9,334.83
Town Poor	3,485.57
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	12,820.40

### Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day & Other Celebrations	\$350.00
Aid to Soldiers	214.80
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	564.80

### Recreation:

Parks & Playgrounds	1,100.86
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### Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	1,000.00
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### Unclassified:

Damages & Legal	\$141.40
Taxes Bought by Town	801.75
Refunds—Payroll Account	
(Transfer)	443.40
Refunds — Poll Taxes	4.00
Employees' Retirement	562.36
Meredith Historical Society	500.00
Assessment Records	163.22
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	2,616.13

Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$83,343.71
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### New Const. Equipment & Permanent Improvements:

Highway & Bridges—Town Construction	\$2,766.57
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### Sewer Construction:

Town Account	\$2,350.00
Special Account	4,732.26
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	7,082.26

## Exhibit E (Continued)

### Land & Buildings:

Purchase of Town Hall Building	\$ 9,225.00	
Fire Station Construction	18,650.28	
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### New Equipment:

Fire Truck	\$2,500.00	
Highway Truck	2,800.00	
	<hr/>	5,300.00

### Indebtedness:

#### Principal:

Temporary Loans	\$70,000.00	
Long Term Notes	30,000.00	
Bonds	3,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$103,500.00

#### Interest:

Long Term Notes & Bonds	\$1,644.62	
Temporary Loans	573.89	
	<hr/>	2,218.51

### Other Governmental Divisions:

County Taxes	\$19,028.09
Precinct Taxes	16,122.96

### School District:

1950-51 Appropriation Account	\$46,822.60	
1949 Dog Tax Account	470.40	
1951-52 Appropriation Account	22,784.00	
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Total Expenditures For All Purposes	\$337,314.38
Balance on Hand—December 31, 1951	36,779.82

Grand Total	<hr/> \$374,094.20 <hr/>
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**EXHIBIT F**  
**TOWN OF MEREDITH**

**Summary of Receipts, Expenditures and  
Proof of Treasurer's Balance  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951**

Balance on Hand—December 31, 1950	\$46,869.45	
Receipts During Year	327,224.75	
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		\$374,094.20
Expenditures During Year		337,314.38
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Balance on Hand—December 31, 1951		\$36,779.82
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**Proof of Treasurer's Balance**

**General Account:**

Balance in The Meredith Trust Company. as per statement of December 31, 1951		\$80,166.34
Add: Deposits of Jan. 2, 1952	\$11,480.20	
Jan. 3, 1952	1,383.30	
	<hr/>	12,863.50
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		\$93,029.84
Less: Checks Outstanding (Verified)		65,078.28
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		\$27,951.56

**Sewer Account:**

Bal. in The Meredith Trust Company as per statement of October 9, 1951		1,543.70
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**Fire Station Construction Account:**

Bal. in The Meredith Trust Company as per statement of November 28, 1951		1,539.56
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**State Head Tax Account:**

Bal. in The Meredith Trust Company as per statement of January 2, 1952		5,245.00
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**Payroll Account:**

Bal. in The Meredith Trust Company as per statement of Dec. 31, 1951	\$790.67	
Less: Checks Outstanding (Verified)	290.67	
	<hr/>	500.00
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Balance on Hand—December 31, 1951		\$36,779.82

# **EXHIBIT G** **TOWN OF MEREDITH**

## **Tax Levy of 1951** **Summary of Warrant** **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951**

Debits	Total	Property	Polls	Int.
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector:</b>				
Property and Poll Taxes	\$201,226.28	\$199,102.28	\$2,124.00	\$
Yield Taxes	3,078.50	3,078.50		
<b>Added Taxes:</b>				
Property and Poll Taxes	65.58	41.58	24.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	41.00	41.00		
Yield Taxes	80.73	80.73		
Interest Collected During 1951	16.91			16.91
	<u>\$204,509.00</u>	<u>\$202,344.09</u>	<u>\$2,148.00</u>	<u>\$16.91</u>

### **Credits**

#### **Remittances to Treasurer:**

A/C Property, Polls and Interest	\$161,739.59	\$160,088.68	\$1,634.00	\$16.91
A/c Yield Taxes	1,845.38	1,845.38		
A/c National Bank Stock Taxes	41.00	41.00		
Abatements Allowed During 1951	698.05	628.05	70.00	

#### **Uncollected Taxes — Dec. 31, 1951:**

Property and Poll Taxes	38,917.11	38,471.11	446.00	
Yield Taxes	1,313.85	1,313.85		
	<u>\$204,554.98</u>	<u>\$202,388.07</u>	<u>\$2,150.00</u>	<u>\$16.91</u>
Less: Excess Credits	45.98	43.98	2.00	
	<u>\$204,509.00</u>	<u>\$202,344.09</u>	<u>\$2,148.00</u>	<u>\$16.91</u>

# Exhibit H

## TOWN OF MEREDITH

### Tax Levies of Prior Years—Summary of Warrants Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951

Debits	Total	Tax Levies of:		
		1950	1949	1948
Uncollected Taxes—Dec. 31, 1950:				
Property Taxes	\$35,279.12	\$35,161.78	\$116.36	\$ .98
Poll Taxes	642.00	572.00	56.00	14.00
Yield Taxes	60.10	60.10		
Added Taxes During 1951:				
Property Taxes	506.88	506.88		
Poll Taxes	2.00	2.00		
Interest Collected During 1951	775.91	775.79		.12
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	\$37,266.01	\$37,078.55	\$172.36	\$15.10
Credits				
Remittances to Treasurer:				
A/c Property Taxes	\$33,790.71	\$33,740.23	\$49.50	\$ .98
A/c Poll Taxes	438.00	418.00	20.00	
A/c Interest	775.91	775.79		.12
Abatements Allowed:				
Property Taxes	1,250.86	1,184.40	66.46	
Poll Taxes	56.00	50.00	6.00	
Yield Taxes	60.10	60.10		
Uncollected Taxes—Dec. 31, 1951:				
Property Taxes	740.43	740.03	.40	
Poll Taxes	150.00	106.00	30.00	14.00
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	\$37,262.01	\$37,074.55	\$172.36	\$15.10
Add: Deficit in Property Tax Credits	4.00	4.00		
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	\$37,266.01	\$37,078.55	\$172.36	\$15.10

# Exhibit I

## TOWN OF MEREDITH

### Statement of Tax Sale Accounts Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951

Debits	Total	1950	Tax Levies of			
			1949	1948	1947	1945
Unredeemed Taxes-Dec. 31, 1950	\$ 432.28	\$	\$393.23	\$15.85	\$14.12	\$9.08
Tax Sale of Aug. 29, 1951	801.75	801.75				
Interest Collected after Tax Sale	34.14	1.05	33.09			
	<u>\$1,268.17</u>	<u>\$802.80</u>	<u>\$426.32</u>	<u>\$15.85</u>	<u>\$14.12</u>	<u>\$9.08</u>
<b>Credits</b>						
<b>Remittances to Treasurer:</b>						
A/c Redemptions on Taxes	\$ 794.94	\$458.30	\$336.64	\$	\$	\$
A/c Interest After Sale	34.14	1.05	33.09			
Unredeemed Taxes-Dec. 31, 1951	439.09	343.45	56.59	15.85	14.12	9.08
	<u>\$1,268.17</u>	<u>\$802.80</u>	<u>\$426.32</u>	<u>\$15.85</u>	<u>\$14.12</u>	<u>\$9.08</u>



**Exhibit J**  
**TOWN OF MEREDITH**

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**State Head Tax — Levy of 1951 — Summary of Warrant**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951**

Debits	Head Taxes	Penalties
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector:</b>		
1951 Warrant	\$6,185.00	\$
Added: State Head Taxes during 1951	130.00	
Penalties Collected During 1951		5.00
	<hr/> \$6,315.00	<hr/> \$5.00
 <b>Credits</b>		
Remittances to Treasurer	\$5,240.00	\$5.00
Abatements Allowed During 1951	125.00	
Uncoll. State Head Taxes-Dec. 31, 1951	950.00	
	<hr/> \$6,315.00	<hr/> \$5.00

**Exhibit K**  
**TOWN OF MEREDITH**

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**Statement of Town Clerk's Accounts**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951**

**Debits**

**Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:**

1950—Nos. 221315 - 221350		
—Nos. 221401 -	\$ 132.68	
1951—Nos. 147601 - 148877	8,741.66	
1952—Nos. 149601 - 149614	137.77	
	<hr/>	\$9,012.11

**Dog Licenses Issued:**

185 Males @ \$2.00 ea.	\$370.00	
17 Females @ \$5.00 ea.	85.00	
2 Kennels @ \$20.00 ea.	40.00	
1 Kennel @ \$12.00 ea.	12.00	
	<hr/>	507.00

Bowling Alley License

80.00

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9,599.11

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**Credits**

**Remittances to Treasurer:**

A/c Motor Vehicle Permits	\$9,012.11	
A/c Dog Licenses	507.00	
A/c Bowling Alley License	80.00	
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\$9,599.11

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## Exhibit L

# TOWN OF MEREDITH

**Statement of Maturing Principal and Interest  
On Bonded and Long Term Indebtedness  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951**

	Street Imp'ment			Fire Station		Follett Road		New Construction		Town Hall	
	Bonds-4%		Bonds-1½ %	Notes -1½ %				Notes-2%		Notes-2%	
Date of Original Issue	Mar. 1, 1934	May 1, 1946	Dec. 15, 1947					Feb. 20, 1950		Mar. 23, 1951	
Amount of Original Issue	\$25,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$14,000.00					\$35,000.00		\$6,000.00	
Interest Payable Dates	Mar 1-Sept 1	May 1-Nov 1	June 15-Dec. 15					December 1st		June 30-Dec. 30	
Yearly											Grand Totals
Maturities	Prin.	Interest	Prin.	Interest	Prin.	Interest	Prin.	Interest	Prin.	Interest	Prin. Interest
1952	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$3,000.00	\$247.50	\$1,000.00	\$150.00	\$10,000.00	\$300.00	\$3,000.00	\$120.00	\$17,500.00 \$887.50
1953	500.00	30.00	3,000.00	202.50	1,000.00	135.00	5,000.00	100.00	3,000.00	60.00	12,500.00 547.50
1954	500.00	10.00	3,000.00	157.50	1,000.00	120.00					4,500.00 307.50
1955			3,000.00	112.50	1,000.00	105.00					4,000.00 217.50
1956			3,000.00	67.50	1,000.00	90.00					4,000.00 157.50
1957			3,000.00	22.50	1,000.00	75.00					4,000.00 97.50
1958					1,000.00	60.00					1,000.00 60.00
1959					1,000.00	45.00					1,000.00 45.00
1960					1,000.00	30.00					1,000.00 30.00
1961					1,000.00	15.00					1,000.00 15.00
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\$1,500.00	\$150.00	\$18,000.00	\$810.00	\$10,000.00	\$825.00	\$15,000.00	\$400.00	\$6,000.00	\$180.00	\$50,500.00	\$2,365.00

**Exhibit M**  
**TOWN OF MEREDITH**

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**Trustees of Trust Funds**

**Statement of Trust Fund Principal, Income and Deposits**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951 •**

**Principal—December 31, 1950:**

Cemetery Funds	\$14,049.72
Library Funds	14,830.62
School Funds	1,028.00
Capital Reserve Fund	6,378.43
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	\$36,286.77
New Cemetery Trust Funds Created in 1951	 300.00
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	\$36,586.77
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Fund during 1951	 6,378.43
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	\$30,208.34

**Income Activity:**

Unexpended Balance-Dec. 31, 1950	\$5,095.82
Received During 1951	1,199.11
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	6,294.93
Withdrawals during 1951	3,437.94
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Unexpended Balance-Dec. 31, 1951	2,856.99
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Total Principal & Income Dec. 31, 1951	\$33,065.33
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**Funds and Investments on Deposit in the Meredith**

**Village Savings Bank — December 31, 1951:**

Cemetery Funds	\$14,349.72	\$2,292.29	\$16,642.01
Library Funds	14,830.62	326.18	15,156.80
School Funds	1,028.00	238.52	1,266.52
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	\$30,208.34	\$2,856.99	\$33,065.33



# Detailed Statement Of Expenditures

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## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

### Town Officers' Salaries:

Marshall Hodsdon	\$500.00
Henry Boothby	400.00
Norman Martin	400.00
Richard Wein	200.00
Guy Horne	200.00
Guy Horne	150.00 ('50)

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	\$1850.00
Town Manager's Salary (Town's Share)	\$3349.68
Town Manager's Expenses	433.17
Town Clerk's Fees	617.50

### Town Officer's Expenses:

Town Report (1951)	\$701.50
Office Supplies and Equipment	418.60
Telephone	330.56
Selectmen's Expenses	628.94
Postage	152.89
Dues and Subscriptions	32.00
Printing and Advertising	170.38
Belknap County Registry	11.25
Meredith Trust Company	14.40

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	\$2460.52
Clerical Expense	2044.48
Tax Commission Audit	283.74

### Town Hall:

Lighting and Fuel	\$186.26
Janitor Service	191.95
Supplies	45.66
Repairs	499.85
Water Bill	9.21
Painting of Town Hall	535.00
Painting of Selectmen's Room	84.00

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\$1551.93

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

### Police Department :

Salary, Chief of Police	\$2,450.00	
Special Officers	311.25	
Automobile Expense	260.00	
Telephone	101.20	
Supplies	9.40	
Lodging and Meals	.75	
Police Light	18.29	
Disposal of Dogs	7.00	
Boat Rental	4.00	
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		\$3161.89

### Fire Department :

Appropriation (1951)	\$3,127.00	
Forest Fires	99.30	
Tools	8.07	
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		\$3,234.37

### Health :

Meredith Public Health Nursing Assn.	\$1500.00	
Laconia Hospital	800.00	
Town Dump	566.77	
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		\$2856.77

Vital Statistics: 70.00

### Highway and Bridges :

#### Summer Maintenance :

Salaries	7419.87	
Gravel	621.62	
Culverts	802.69	
Cold Patch	589.09	
Truck Hire	1150.70	
Equipment Hire	1,663.72	
Loam	9.00	
Materials	40.13	
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		\$12,296.82

**Winter Maintenance:**

Salaries	\$7563.44
Sand and Salt	1058.91
Truck Hire	2262.50
Equipment Hire	339.22
Materials	120.30
Irving Brown	25.00
Refund on Driveway	6.00
Meredith Publishing	6.00

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\$11,381.37

**Street Cleaning:** \$476.46

**Street Lighting:** \$268.49

**General Expense of Highway:**

Gas and Oil	\$2243.17
Parts and Repairs	1813.49
Materials	841.70
Express	28.08
Water Rent	42.47
Foreman Truck	250.00
Diesel Fuel	215.35
Town Shed	
Fuel	253.55
Lights	79.30
Tires and Repairs	634.87
New Equipment	212.80
Snow Chains	53.56
Damages to Public Utilities	44.23
Signs	12.75
Surveying	86.40
Miscellaneous	47.18

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\$6858.90

**Public Welfare:**

Old Age Assistance 9334.83

**Town Poor:****Board and Care of Children:**

Mrs. Laura Chamberlain	343.42
Daniel Webster Home	292.50
Mrs. Russell Raymond	47.00
Mrs. Charles Williams	98.00
Golden Rule Farm	140.00

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\$920.92

Board and Care Belknap County Home \$903.21

**Direct Aid:**

Medical	\$268.00	
Laconia Hospital	426.32	
	<hr/>	\$694.32
Food	\$892.53	
Fuel	35.44	
Rent	15.00	
Lights	15.32	
Clothes	8.83	
	<hr/>	\$967.12

**Patriotic Purposes:**

Memorial Day	314.14	
Aid to Soldiers	214.80	
	<hr/>	584.94

**Municipal Court:**

Salary	400.00	400.00
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**Election and Registration:**

Supervisors	126.20	
Ballot Clerk and Moderator	64.00	
Ballots Printed	39.00	
Meals—Clerks and Moderator	2.45	
Supplies	.60	
Advertising	5.20	
	<hr/>	237.45

Blister Rust	400.00	400.00
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Bounties:	19.00	19.00
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Damages by Dogs	79.19	79.19
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Meredith Historical Society:	500.00	500.00
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Libraries:	1,900.00	1,900.00
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Parks and Playgrounds:	1,100.86	1,100.86
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Cemeteries:	1,000.00	1,000.00
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Damages and Legal	141.40	141.40
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Taxes Bought by Town	801.75	801.75
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**Insurance**

Fire	583.14	
Liability (Auto Fleet)	540.16	
Public Liability	187.01	
Money and Securities	67.50	
Workmen's Compensation	566.95	
Bonds—Town Officers	199.06	
Comprehensive—Fire and Theft	152.35	
	<hr/>	2,296.17

<b>Town Road Aid:</b>	896.37	896.37
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**New Equipment:**

2 Ford Trucks	2,800.00	
Fire Truck (tank)	2,500.00	
	<hr/>	5,300.00

**Indebtedness:****Principal:**

Temporary Loans	70,000.00	
Bonded Debt	3,500.00	
Long Term Notes	30,000.00	
	<hr/>	103,500.00

**Interest Charges:**

Temporary Loans	1,644.62	
Long Term Notes & Bonds	573.89	
	<hr/>	2,218.51

**Other Governmental Divisions:**

County Tax	19,028.09	19,028.09
Precinct Taxes	16,122.96	16,122.96
School District	79,276.49	79,276.49

## Town Manager's Report

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The year 1951 has seen substantial progress in the Town of Meredith. The advent of the mill offered prospects for employment of local people and an increase in the circulation of money around town.

Due to the continued cooperation and willingness of all town officers, school district officers and departments a sizeable reduction in the tax rate was made possible.

Today the cost of government in general is getting out of hand. Revenues are raised with more regard to the demands of the public treasury than to the effect on the individuals who must pay. Here in Meredith the Board of Selectmen and I have endeavored to keep the individual taxpayer in mind. We know it is he who pays the bills; town government is not self-supporting.

The Board of Selectmen and I see a prospect of another tax reduction in 1952. Our community is growing and we must govern our local affairs in a manner that will make outsiders want to come here and erect taxable property. We must convince others that we are a solid community, a progressive community and a responsible one. Only in this way can we bring into our treasury sufficient revenue to finance our needed improvements.

### **Town Maintenance:**

Asphalt and tar were both used extensively again this past summer extending our hard top road program an additional 2.49 miles.

Resurfacing with asphalt was also done on the following streets to keep them properly maintained:

Ladd Hill	Boynton Road
Lake Street	Robinson Hill
Oak Street	Highland Street Ext.
Circle Drive	Main Street (from
intersection of Rte. 104 to R. R. Station)	

Sixteen corrugated metal culverts were installed and seven concrete culverts. This year plans have been made to install three new cement box-type culverts to replace our wooden bridges.

Work has been planned for this spring to improve the facilities at Leavitt Park for bathing and recreational purposes.

Town Road Aid funds were expended on Edgerly School Road and the Ridge Road. At the end of the year we had an unexpended balance of \$1,239.24.

### **Welfare:**

Welfare has dropped considerably this past year. All of our child welfare cases have been turned over to the responsible parties thus helping to reduce our costs. Financially we made out fairly well on welfare. At the end of the year we had an unexpended balance of \$649.38.

### **Sewer Construction:**

The work on the new Sewer System will begin early this spring. The initial step will be the construction of the Sewage Treatment Plant and the Main Pumping Station (Contract No. 1). The approximate cost of Contract No. 1 will be \$275,000.00. As soon as Contract No. 1 is completed, work will begin immediately on Contract No. 2 which will include the Sewers on U. S. Route 3, Winnepesaukee Street, Center Harbor Road, Pleasant Street and Plymouth Street at an approximate cost of \$200,000.00.

Government exists to serve people and has no needs of its own. The service of people to government, is service to themselves in an effort to satisfy their collective wants. With this thought in mind the Board of Selectmen and I have tried to—

- 1 Make a careful appraisal and analysis of the public and its attitudes to determine what the citizens want their town government to do and how they want it done.
- 2 Take steps to make it easier for citizens to secure accurate answers to their questions regarding the town services.
- 3 Accord courtesy and respect to every citizen who has a complaint to make about local government and take systematic action to satisfy complaints and to prevent their recurrence.

Your cooperation and encouragement is gratifying and sincerely appreciated.

Respectively submitted,

ROBERT W. RHODES

Town Manager

## SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

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Description of Property	Gross Valuation
Land and Buildings	\$4,196,825.00
Mature Wood and Timber	2,500.00
Electric Plants	81,163.00
Horses	3,300.00
Oxen	170.00
Cows	16,975.00
Other Neat Stock	1,390.00
Sheep and Goats	1,230.00
Hogs	50.00
Fowl	1,985.00
Boats and Launches	57,555.00
Portable Mills	14,725.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	9,700.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	54,950.00
Stock in Trade	203,931.00
Mills and Machinery	85,333.00
Total Gross Val. before exemptions allowed	\$4,731,782.00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions	131,085.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$4,600,697.00



# Report of Town Treasurer

For Year Ending December 31, 1951

January 1, 1951—Cash on hand	\$ 34,131.42	
Received from Tax Collector	207,446.10	
Received from Town Clerk	9,599.11	
Received from Selectmen	76,000.00	
Received from Fire Warden	19.57	
General Receipt	12,617.62	
Timber Tax	1,845.38	
Municipal Court	280.80	
Payments by Order of Selectmen		\$313,988.44
Cash on hand December 31, 1951		27,951.56
	<hr/> 341,940.00	<hr/> 341,940.00

## Sewer Construction Account

January 1, 1951—Cash on Hand	\$1,025.96	
Received from Selectmen (plus void check No. 214)	5,250.00	
Payments by Selectmen		4,732.26
Cash on Hand December 31, 1951		1,543.70
	<hr/> \$6,275.96	<hr/> \$6,275.96

## Fire Station Construction Account

January 1, 1951—Cash on Hand	\$11,268.67	
Rec'd. from Trustee of Trust Funds	8,921.17	
Payments by Order of Selectmen		18,650.28
Cash on Hand December 31, 1951		1,539.56
	<hr/> 20,189.84	<hr/> 20,189.84

## Payroll Account

Balance in the Meredith Trust Co. as per statement Dec. 31, 1951	\$ 790.67	
Less Reserve Deposit	500.00	
Balance to cover Payroll		
Checks Outstanding		290.67
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Reserve Deposit on Hand Dec. 31, 1951		500.00
Total Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1951 in 4 Checking Accounts		\$31,534.82

Respectfully submitted,  
RICHARD B. WEIN  
Treasurer

# Meredith Public Library

## Treasurer's Report

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### General Expense Fund

Balance in Fund December 31, 1950	\$ 236.06
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### Received During Year 1951:

Town Appropriation	\$1,900.00	
Cash from Librarian	137.59	
Income from		
Beede Fund	605.00	
Swain Fund	12.74	
Bixby Fund	2.76	
Rollins Fund	83.05	
Roberts Fund	5.53	
Leavitt Fund	190.00	2,936.67
Total Received during year 1951		\$3,172.73

### Paid Out During Year 1951:

Salary of Librarian	\$ 780.00	
Cleaning Woman	78.00	
Salary of Janitor	180.00	
Help for Librarian	156.00	
Fuel Oil	347.62	
Light and Power	84.49	
New Books	595.95	
Magazine Subscriptions	35.95	
Precinct Tax	12.50	
Supplies	57.53	
Insurance	112.65	
Repairs and Improvements	318.15	
Bank Service Charges	3.36	
New Book Cases	163.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	22.00	2,947.20
Balance in General Expense Fund Dec. 31, 1951		\$225.53

### Major Maintenance and Repair Fund

Town Appropriation for Year 1948		\$300.00
1949		0.00
1950		0.00
1951		0.00
Total Received to December 31, 1951		\$300.00

Paid Out During 1948	\$ 0.00	
1949	41.75	
1950	47.95	
1951 Chimneys retopped & outside walls repaired	150.00	239.70

Balance in Major Maintenance & Repair Fund December 31, 1951		\$ 60.30
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### Eva Blake Legacy Fund

Use unrestricted, but set aside by the Library Trustees for Eva Blake Memorial uses	\$200.00
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### Paid out up to and including Dec. 31, 1951:

Purchase of new books to replace worn-out classics and to add new books to this group	129.13
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Balance in Eva Blake Legacy Fund Dec. 31, 1951	\$70.87
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### Total Balance in:

General Expense Fund	
Major Maintenance & Repair Fund	
Eva Blake Legacy Fund	
as of December 31, 1951	\$356.70

# Public Health Nursing Association

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January 8, 1951 — Balance on Hand \$1000.21

## RECEIPTS

Town of Meredith	\$1,500.00	
Additional 1951 Memberships	21.00	
Memberships, 1952	117.00	
Contributions	119.00	
Nurses Collections	64.60	
Union Thanksgiving Day Service Offering	18.45	
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	\$1,840.05	
Total Cash Receipts		2,840.26

## PAYMENTS

Marguerite Curtis R. N., Salary	\$1,531.32
Collector of Internal Revenue — Income Tax	
Withheld	204.80
Collector of Internal Revenue — Social Security	
Tax	25.46
Marguerite Curtis, Mileage Allowance	525.04
Albert Sprague, Taxi Services	7.00
Prescott's Pharmacy, Supplies	35.89
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., Extension,	
Nurse's Office	12.02
New England Tel & Tel. Co., Service	55.31
Robert Maloney, Electrical Wiring,	
Nurse's Office	32.87
R. N. Piper, Oil, Nurse's Office	113.24
H. Curtis, Cleaning, Nurse's Office	4.50
A. Dean, Cleaning, Nurse's Office	2.00
Eben S. Upton, Plumbing, Nurse's Office	54.90
Meredith Furniture Company, Chairs for	
Office	46.20

F. M. Weeks & Sons, Waste Basket, Nurse's Office	1.49
L. Fisher, Printing	12.50
Meredith Dime Store, Envelopes	2.00
Postage, Appeal Letters	7.32
B. O'Brien, Secretary's Receipt Books	.50
Bank Service Charge	.36
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	\$2,674.72

January 14, 1952 — Balance on Deposit 165.54

Unexpended balance of Town Appropriation for 1951 for  
expenses to March, 1952 500.00

Respectfully submitted,

BEATRICE B. MACDONALD

Treasurer



## Memorial Day Report

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Cleaning of Civil War Memorial	\$40.00	
Band	50.00	
Flags	22.57	
Cemetery Work	88.00	
Ammunition	34.13	
Wreath Expenses	30.00	
Other Expenses	26.47	
Deficit 1950	42.97	
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		\$334.14

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## Report of Police Department

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### Summary of Complaints Investigated

Complaints	117
Breaking and Entering	3
Breaking and Entering and Larceny	10
Drunk and Disorderly	10
Automobile Accidents Investigated	20
Missing Persons Found by Police	6
Stolen Boats	2
Stolen Cars	2
Vandalism	10
Larceny	6

# School Report

1951



## DISTRICT OFFICERS

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Moderator	Dr. Arthur F. Pottle
Clerk	Mrs. Isabel Russell
Treasurer	Mrs. Evelyn Watson

## School Board

Carl A. Chase—Chairman	Term expires 1953
Jane B. Ambrose	" " 1954
Sidney Batchelder	" " 1952
Sedley Bartlett	" " 1952
Joseph Pignone	" " 1952

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SUPERINTENDENT	Almon W. Bushnell
SCHOOL PHYSICIAN	Raymond J. Turley, M.D.
SCHOOL NURSE	Marguerite C. Curtis, R.N.

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**TOWN OF MEREDITH**  
**School Warrant**

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**To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Meredith qualified to vote in district affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 18th day of March 1952, at three o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

**Polls for election of officers to be open not later than 3:30 and closed not earlier than 9:00. Other warrant articles to be acted upon beginning at 8 p.m.**

- 1 To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- 2 To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3 To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
- 3a To choose a Member of the School Board for one year.
- 4 To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 5 To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
- 6 To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 7 To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.



- 8 To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
- 9 To see if the District will vote to rescind the votes taken at the special district meeting held May 10, 1951 under Articles 3 and 4 of the warrant for said meeting with respect to the acquisition of property, the building and equipping of an addition to the Lang Street School, the appropriation of money therefor and authorization for the issue of serial notes and bonds to carry out said vote.
- 10 To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to defray the cost of acquiring additional property, construction and equipping the alterations and additions to the Lang Street School and the payment of the architect's fees. That the School Board be authorized to issue notes and/or bonds in the name of and on the credit of the School District of the Town of Meredith as provided by and in accordance with the terms and provisions of Revised Laws of New Hampshire, 1942, Chapter 72, and any amendments applicable thereto, and that the discretion of fixing the time and place of payment and the rate of interest of such bonds or notes and the authorizing for the sale thereof be delegated to the School Board as authorized by Revised Laws of New Hampshire, 1942, Chapter 72, known as Municipal Bond Statute and as amended by Chapter 5, Laws of 1951.
- 11 To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate toward a capital reserve fund to be established for the purpose of purchasing land and constructing a new school building.

12 To transact any other business that may legally come  
before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Meredith this 26th day of  
February, 1952.

CARL A. CHASE  
JOSEPH M. PIGNONE  
JANE B. AMBROSE  
SYDNEY R. BATCHELDER

School Board of Meredith

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CARL A. CHASE  
JOSEPH M. PIGNONE  
JANE B. AMBROSE  
SYDNEY R. BATCHELDER

School Board of Meredith

# Report of School District Meeting

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## Meeting of March 9, 1951

The meeting was opened at 3:27 p. m. by the Moderator Dr. Arthur F. Pottle, who read the Warrant. Business proceeded under the first four articles. Members of the School Board, the Clerk, Moderator and assistant moderator, Willard Grad officiated at the balloting.

Shortly after eight o'clock in the evening, the Moderator called for attention to the rest of the articles in the Warrant after prayer was offered by Rev. Francis Cooper.

Article V. Ernest Nedeau called attention to the lack of election pay, which the new system will necessarily call for, and moved that the budget be amended so that the sum to be raised for District Officers' salaries be \$290.00 instead of \$260.00, to be spent as follows: \$9.00 for Supervisors of the Checklist; \$8.00 for the presiding officer; \$8.00 for the ballot clerk and \$5.00 for the clerk. This was voted affirmatively.

It was also voted that the budget item "other expenses of administration" be raised from \$225. to \$250.00.

Article VI. Reports of committees were postponed until such articles as they most fitted were discussed.

Article VII. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in the Warrant. It was voted that the Moderator appoint five members to serve on a building committee and report at the next meeting.

Article VIII. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. Discussion of the Superintendent's salary followed and of the school Union meetings. It was suggested that our School Board members obtain a written report of the Supervisory

Union meetings. It was moved by Sedley Bartlett that the School Board be instructed to vote against any increase in the Superintendent's salary at the Union meeting this year. This was voted. It was moved by Robert Rhodes that the Budget item of "repairs and replacements" be reduced from \$2500. to \$1500. This was voted. It was then moved by Ernest Nedeau that the proposed Budget for 1951-1952 be accepted as presented with the alterations as voted, and this was so voted. It was voted that the School Board report to the Selectmen the balance between estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Article IX. To see if the District will raise and appropriate a sum of money not in excess of \$500. to purchase an option on a suitable building site for a new high school building, and pass any vote relating thereto.

It was moved by Dr. Harry Gilman that this article be rassed. This was passed. Mrs. Barbara Neal then reported the Committee's investigation of school sites that the committee considered suitable for construction of a new school, they being the Henry Blaisdell lot and Prescott Park. A motion that the school committee consider plans for constructing a new addition on the present high school property was ruled out of order under this article, which read "To see if the District will raise and appropriate a sum of money not in excess of \$500. to purchase an option on a suitable building site for a new high school building, and pass any vote relating thereto." Much discussion involving school sites and future plans was held but finally it was voted that the sum of \$500 be raised to obtain an option on a suitable building site. This motion was made by Marion Chase.

Article X. To see if the District will raise and appropriate the necessary funds to provide an additional first grade teacher and such facilities as may be required to care for an expected increase in primary enrollment. It was moved that the sum of \$2,700. to provide for an additional first grade teacher and such facilities as may be required be raised. This was passed. A motion was then made to raise the sum of \$300. to provide facilities for an additional first grade to take care of an expected increase in enrollment and this was so voted. Discussion revolved around the closing of the Meredith Center School, bringing the children into town and having the present teacher take over teaching of the additional first grade, but no action was voted.



Article XI. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. It was moved that this meeting go on record as favoring a long range program plan for a new high school site, with opportunity for additions in the future to provide for a centralized school. This was voted unanimously.

Moved that the committee bring in plans as to the exact cost of building a complete high school plant, auditorium, and grade schools in the future at Prescott Park. This was passed. Moved that the sum of \$500. already raised be used to obtain a three year option on the Henry Blaisdell property. This was passed.

Moved to reconsider the motion concerning the Blaisdell property. This was passed.

Moved that we leave to the discretion of the new building committee as to where to use the \$500. for an option on a site for the building. This motion was amended to add, excluding the Prescott and Blaisdell lots already voted against. This motion was passed.

Moved by Sedley Bartlett that the meeting adjourn, when we adjourn, to April 6, 1951 at 8:00 p. m. This was voted.

Moderator Pottle closed the polls at 11:17 p. m. and after the discussion of all articles in the Warrant, the votes were counted with the following being reported: Total ballots cast 214. For Moderator, Arthur F. Pottle 201; Bradbury Sprague 1; Willard Grad 1. For Clerk, Isabel Russell 174; Herberta Stark 1; Cordelia Berquest 1; Earle Welch 1; Barbara Neal 1; George Haskell 1. For School Board for three years, Jane Ambrose 117; Barbara Neal 95. Treasurer, Evelyn Watson 184; Marion Chase 4; Richard B. Wein 1; Cordelia Berquest 1; Barbara Neal 1; Sedley Bartlett 1. Moderator Pottle declared that as a result the following were duly elected and should assume the oath of office: Moderator Arthur F. Pottle; Clerk, Isabel Russell; School Board Member, Jane Ambrose; Treasurer, Evelyn Watson. Jane Ambrose was the only newly elected official present and took the oath in the presence of witnesses, administered by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERTA T. STARK, Clerk



## **Addenda to School District Meeting of March 9, 1951**

On March 13, 1951 Arthur F. Pottle was sworn in as Moderator by Acting Town Clerk Donald H. Weeks.

Also on that date Isabel R. Russell was sworn in as Clerk by Moderator Arthur F. Pottle.

Subsequently the Moderator appointed the following persons to a Building Committee: Chester Lord, Harold Greator, Frederick Deneault, Jane Ambrose, Sydney Batchelder.

ISABEL R. RUSSELL, Clerk

## MEETING OF THE MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 6, 1951

The meeting was opened at 8:00 p. m. by Moderator Arthur F. Pottle, who called on Rev. Paul Nystedt, of the Baptist Church, for the invocation.

The Moderator extended his personal thanks to the two committees on school buildings and sites which had served previously. Mr. J. Clinton Roper offered the following motion: "Moved—a vote of thanks to the previous two committees for their extensive efforts over a three year period." This was voted in the affirmative.

The Moderator reminded the meeting that although discussion could ensue, and action be taken on any plans under Article XI, no vote could be taken to raise money.

Mr. Chester Lord, representing the new committee, presented an extensive and detailed report, illustrated with charts, blueprints and drawings (copy attached to original minutes of meeting.) In general, his report, representing the majority committee opinion, recommended additions to the Lang Street School.

Chairman of the School Board Carl Chase requested from Superintendent Almon Bushnell a list of figures on the physical condition of Lang Street school, to be compared with the committee's figures. Mr. Bushnell, in presenting his statistics, explained that they were intended as a supplement to those of Mr. Lord, and that they were based on past census records. Mr. Bushnell emphasized that the state considers 25 students per room a reasonable number, and that at the present time Grade 5, for instance, has 27 and Grade 6 has 33. The charts represented estimated future enrollment, with blocks marked in red to indicate where over-crowding in a classroom would prevent a teacher from functioning at her best. The minimum number of classrooms required at Lang Street in 1954 was estimated at ten, and in 1956, eleven. Seven rooms are now in use there, with the building having been designed to accommodate six.

Mr. Chase gave a resume of the work of the building committees over the past several years; he questioned whether an emergency actually exists at Lang Street in regard to adequate provision for present needs, and stated that Mr. Bushnell and Principal Frederick Delaney concurred with him in his belief that no present emergency exists.

In answer to a question as to why so many small (rural) schools are closed, Mr. Bushnell stated that population changed and enrollment fluctuated, and it seemed to be the preference of the people that their children attend larger centralized schools.

The matter of tuition pupils from other towns was discussed on a question by Paul Barneetz, and it was brought out that Meredith High School has 35 such students at present.

Sidney Batchelder explained briefly that the long range program was what he personally, and many other persons wanted for their schools in Meredith, but that it was obvious that the town simply could not afford it.

J. Clinton Roper read a motion at this point in regard to the calling of a new school meeting in case it should prove necessary to raise funds for any action taken. The motion was ruled as not in order for discussion at the time, and Mr. Roper was asked to present it later.

Harold Greatorex explained the minority position of the building committee, and stated that he had refused to support any of the three alternatives (1. additions to Lang Street, 2. long range program, 3. two session day) because before coming to a decision he would want placed before him in exact figures the cost of each system and the needs of the schools.

Jane Ambrose reminded the meeting that once additions to the Lang Street school had been voted the sum of \$200,000. might be expended before the long range program (voted at the previous meeting) could even be started. She felt that gymnasium space and recreational areas should be available for adults as well as children. Mrs. Ambrose quoted from a report by Paul Farnham, of the State Board of Education, some comparative figures for constructing new buildings and remodeling old ones in other towns where the situation is similar to that in Meredith.

Ernest Nedeau commended the building committee for amassing and presenting so much excellent material in such a short space of time. He asked the committee whether the addition of a new heating plant had been considered in the estimated cost of the school addition. Mr. Lord replied that the estimate of 80 cents per cubic foot would stand whether a new heating system was installed, or addi-

tions made to the present one at Lang Street. Mr. Nedeau mentioned the obvious saving that would ensue over a period of years with one heating system and one janitor in any program of school construction. He deprecated the fact that the only available figures on heating costs at present are those of New York State schools, and these schools cannot be considered comparable to New Hampshire schools since the allotted cost per pupil is much greater in New York, and buildings there are of much more expensive construction. Mr. Nedeau, commenting on the proposed additions at Lang Street, said that if we go on the assumption that we are to construct there, then we have pegged our path for the future. If any more money is expended there now, we will hesitate to give up that building five years from now, at which time a new building might seem more possible than it does now.

Mr. Lord cited a situation similar to that of Meredith in the Fitzwilliam School, which was completed in October 1950. Four classrooms were added to a building there at a cost of \$61,268. Adding the estimated 10% increase of building costs since that date, present cost would be about \$67,394.

Mr. Batchelder stated that we had heard the educators' point of view in regard to various forms of expansion, and that he would be interested in the opinions of some business men in the town.

The Moderator called on several who signified that they did not wish to speak. Then Selectman Marshall Hodsdon stated that he agreed with the position of Mr. Greateorex — he would like figures on all plans before committing himself. Mr. Earle Welch emphasized that long range planning meant a new high school. He spoke of the figures on enrollment estimated to 1967, as presented by Mr. Lord's committee, and asked if that could not be considered long range planning of a sort. He hoped that whatever plan was voted, the meeting would remember that the town needed to maintain its financial equilibrium.

Mr. Walter Foster pointed out that the same long range plan we were advocating for our children might serve to burden them so much financially in the future that it would be of little advantage, and that therefore he would favor the less expensive method of additions to Lang Street. Mr. Leslie Welch stated that the longer action was delayed the more prohibitive building costs would become, and also that he was against using a basement for instruction of children as is presently done at Lang Street.



A discussion followed in regard to the closing of the Meredith Center School. It was noted that only thirteen pupils attend there at present. Mrs. Pickering and Mr. Stafford spoke in favor of keeping the school open. Mr. Chase explained, on question, that although he favored keeping it open, it was possible that the addition of rooms to Lang Street, or the construction of a new school under the long range program plan, might influence its closing. Mr. Lord expressed hope that citizens of Meredith Center would not stand in the way of progress in construction by voting against a building program solely because it might mean the closing of their school.

Mr. Roper read the following motion: "Moved that due to the overcrowded conditions at the elementary or Lang Street School in Meredith an emergency exists in order to make available certain additional rooms by the opening of the fall term of 1951; and that therefore the School Board be requested to petition the Superior Court for permission to hold a special School District Meeting under New Hampshire Laws of 1947, Chapter 178, Section 3." After discussion and explanation the motion was voted in the affirmative. (Affirmative — 93, Negative — 43.)

Mr. Robert Prescott informed the meeting that should any additions be voted to the present high school building, no such addition could be made on the Main Street side, according to the wording of the deeds concerned. Mr. Lord expressed the opinion of the committee, that should such a situation arise, the holders of the deed undoubtedly would be willing to cooperate to some extent.

It was voted (on motion of Earle Welch) that the present building committee be continued, with instructions to bring in plans and specifications at the next meeting; and if by chance any member of that committee did not see fit to continue, that the Moderator be instructed to appoint someone to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Nedeau mentioned the Government loan of \$14,000. which had been extended to April 15. It was voted that he be empowered to notify the U. S. Government that the Meredith School District did not intend to use the \$14,000. for building plans.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted  
ISABEL R. RUSSELL,  
Clerk of School District

Addenda: Subsequent to meeting of April 6, Marshall Hodsdon was appointed to the Building Committee to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of Harold Greatorex.



## MEETING OF THE MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAY 18, 1951

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by Moderator Arthur F. Pottle, with Rev. Paul Nystedt offering prayer. The Moderator read the Warrant and called for business to proceed under Article 1.

Chester Lord rose on a point of parliamentary procedure to state that the Building Committee should give its report at the beginning of the meeting. The Moderator ruled that no discussion or action be taken on Article 1 until after the report of the Building Committee was heard.

(Copy of report by Chester Lord, representing the committee, attached to original minutes of meeting.) The motion by Robert Prescott that the report be accepted was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE I—Al Boley requested an approximate figure from Town Manager or Selectman on the tax rate for 1951, explaining that this rate would naturally have a bearing on any construction to be undertaken by the town. Town Manager Robert Rhodes replied that no estimate could be given until the county tax figure was received; and stated that he wished to go on record as saying that he did not know what the taxes would be, but that the town budget had been cut this year. The motion of Al Boley that this article be passed (i. e.: voted down) was duly seconded and voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE II: On a question from the floor as to the exact meaning of this article, Superintendent Almon Bushnell explained that some persons felt Lang Street was not a good location for a school, and that if the town intended to expend seventy-five or eighty thousand dollars for a school it would be better to put this money into a new building. Article 2, therefore, provided that any sums of money left over at the end of the year should be set aside to go toward the construction of a new school at some future date. Annalee Thorndike requested a report from the School Board on the proposed new school structure, plans for which were displayed at the front of the hall, along with those of the Building Committee. The Moderator ruled that such a report would have to come under the article on new business. A brief discussion ensued as to the proper article under which the report could be given; then the Moderator explained that the only way in which it could be handled was for a vote to be taken that Article 2 be laid on the table, and subsequently

anything referring to it could be brought up for discussion. This motion was duly made and seconded with 110 persons voting yes and 24 voting no. The motion of Carl Chase that Ernest Nedeau report on the new building at that time was voted in the negative, with 69 persons voting yes and 71 no.

ARTICLE III: Chester Lord made the following motion: "I move that the School District of the Town of Meredith vote to build and equip an addition to the Lang Street School consisting of not less than four (4) classrooms and to make the necessary alterations in the existing Lang Street School building in accordance with the plan and recommendations as submitted by the Building Committee and to provide sanitary and administrative necessities, and to provide necessary equipment and furnishings and to acquire any real property necessary for location of the necessary additions and improvements. That the School Board be authorized to employ and pay an architect to prepare working plans and specifications for the alterations and additions to the existing Lang Street School House, selecting said plans and specifications from at least three competitive plans, all to be in accordance with the general plans and specifications submitted by the Building Committee at this meeting. That the School Board be authorized to accept that bid or bids or to expend the sum not exceeding seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000.) for the construction of such alterations and additions and for the acquisition of additional real property, whichever in the opinion of the School Board is to the advantage of the School District of the Town of Meredith. That the School Board be authorized to supervise by itself or its duly authorized agent or agents and advisory committees, the performance of any and all building contracts, to accept the alterations and additions for the School District of the Town of Meredith, and to take any other necessary action in connection with such bids, contracts, construction and alterations as in their opinion may be necessary."

After the motion was seconded, the question was raised as to whether the School Board had to carry out the plans alluded to in the motion, when the word "authorized" was included. J. Clinton Roper replied that the statutes of the state of New Hampshire empowered the local school boards to see that buildings were constructed. They could be authorized by vote of a meeting to carry out certain construction, and it was assumed that in their capacity as representatives of the people they would carry out the wish of the people. Mr. Bushnell read a portion of the statute referred to.

Chester Lord stated that the Building Committee was operating under difficulties with the majority of the School Board being against their plan. He said that the Board could be forced by court order to carry out the Lang Street School additions, but he scarcely expected that would be necessary. Chairman of the Board Carl Chase remarked that neither the plan of addition nor any other was absolutely necessary to carry out by September, and that he had come to the meeting with a motion to that effect.

J. Clinton Rorer emphasized that the fact of an emergency existing in the present space was the whole reason for having appointed a committee, and for holding the special meeting. He added that Mr. Bushnell had reported on the crowded situation at the last meeting. Rev. Paul Nystedt said he felt the town should depend on the ability of the School Board which had been elected and that strong significance should be attached to their positive decision against additions to Lang Street School, and in favor of a new building at some future date.

Ernest Nedeau was called on to present the reasons for the School Board being against making additions to the Lang Street School, and stated that such additions are definitely against all precepts of modern progressive education; that one error cannot be corrected by adding another error to it, and that the first error was made when the school was originally constructed. Mr. Nedeau emphasized that building on rooms would provide the minimum education, but would never provide satisfactory progressive education, and the policy of adding on rooms was making no proper provision for the future. He mentioned that Mr. Paul Farnham had recently explained in detail at a P. T. A. meeting that the State Board of Education would not recommend such a plan—although they could not prevent its being carried out, it would not have their recommendation. Mr. Nedeau added that a lot of money would have to be used in these additions, and when the time came inevitably that it had to be given up, we would lose all we had put into the Lang Street School; and that it did not seem logical to consider additions in a spot where future expansion is impossible. He felt that it was not right to cram 300 children in a play space of approximately three fifths of an acre; and pointed out that the carrying on of a recess period in relays, as is being done at present, was not conducive to good study habits. Mr. Nedeau reminded the meeting that they had not appropriated money for any additional teachers, which would mean four vacant rooms in September if the construction was added by that time. Mentioning the matter of enrollment, he stated that



According to the most recent survey made by the superintendent and headmaster, the expected enrollment in the fall would be a few less than at present, and concluded by saying that such a situation would not constitute an emergency.

At this point Chester Lord called on a member of the Building Committee, Sydney Batchelder, to give an account of a meeting he had had with Mr. Farnham. Mr. Batchelder stated that somebody was lying, since he had talked with Mr. Farnham and heard quite a different story, and that it had been agreed that there certainly was an emergency. Mr. Lord read from the 1947 and 1948 School Reports the statements made by Mr. Bushnell indicating that there definitely was an emergency. Mr. Lord added that he himself wished to give the meeting the statement Mr. Farnham had made, the statement which he had intended Mr. Batchelder to make when called upon, which was: "I did not know that your plans were so extensive." Mr. Lord went on to explain that Mr. Farnham had not been told the full facts of the Building Committee's plan when he had been made acquainted with it.

Al Boley stated that he was not fully in favor of either plan, but that it would be well to keep the tax rate down if Meredith wished to retain the goodwill of the summer residents, and if it hoped to attract and keep such business as the local mill in town. He mentioned the effect the new sewage system would have on taxes, and questioned just how much it would be. Mr. Rhodes replied that the town was still waiting the settlement of litigation in the courts, and therefore an accurate answer could not be given at present. Earl Welch added that in a two year interim since construction of the sewer was voted, its cost has gone up by two hundred thousand dollars.

Selectman Marshall Hodsdon was called on to make a statement as a member of the Building Committee, and explained that while he felt the group had worked hard on its solution, he could not agree with it, since he felt that the town was likely to grow in population, and that in the long run it was going to turn out more of a costly process to add on to the Lang Street School, than to enter into new construction. He advocated not so much going into any sort of expensive structure, as to use care to arrive at the proper solution for saving the town money in the future.

Carl Chase stated that he felt that adding on to the present structure would be shortsighted economically, and that it would go against the best judgement of the local School Board and the State Board of Education. Serley Bartlett

went on record as favoring the Building Committee findings. At the time of the vote Chester Lord rose to a point of parliamentary procedure to request a vote by hands. 119 voted yes on the motion and 32 voted no, carrying it in the affirmative.

ARTICLE IV: The following motion was made by Sydney Batchelder: "I move that the School District of the Town of Meredith vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000.) to defray the cost of acquiring additional property, construction and equipping the alterations and additions to the Lang Street School and the payment of architect's fees. That the School Board be authorized and empowered to issue notes and/or bonds in the name of and on the credit of the School District of the Town of Meredith as provided by and in accordance with the terms and provisions of Revised Laws of New Hampshire, 1942, Chapter 72, and any amendments applicable thereto, and that the discretion of fixing the time and place of payment and the rate of interest of such bonds or notes and of providing for the sale thereof be delegated to the School Board as authorized by Revised Laws of New Hampshire, 1942, Chapter 72, known as Municipal Bond Statute and as amended by Chapter 55, Laws of 1951.

Chester Lord explained, in addenda to the motion, that the first article authorized the construction of the school additions, and the second would provide for the financing of the work. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE V: The following motion by J. Clinton Roper was duly seconded and voted in the affirmative: "I move that the Building Committee as appointed and now constituted, be continued and authorized to work with and act in an advisory capacity with the School Board for the construction of the Lang Street Schoolhouse additions and alterations."

ARTICLE VI: There being no further business it was voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
ISABEL R. RUSSELL,  
Clerk of School District



# School Board Budget

For the Year 1952 - 53

Figures in the right hand column below represent amounts required to be appropriated for the support of public schools and other statutory obligations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1952.

The first column shows the actual amounts spent during the fiscal year 1950-51. The middle column shows the amounts voted at the 1951 District Meeting. These two columns are shown for comparative purposes.

	Spent 1950-51	Budget 1951-52	Tentative Budget 1952-53
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
<b>A Local</b>			
1 District Officers' Salaries	\$ 185.00	\$290.00	\$265.00
3 Per Capita Tax	754.00	784.00	838.00
4a Census, Truant Officer, Bookkeeper	125.00	50.00	50.00
5a Other Expenses Administration	343.08	250.00	250.00
<b>B District's Share, Union Expense</b>			
2 Superintendent's Salary	861.64	1,060.82	1,191.87
2a Travel Expense in Union	240.26	248.09	247.95
4b Supt.'s Secretary & Union Treas.	712.51	795.61	863.55
5b Other Expenses Administration	424.19	566.35	651.85
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>			
Teachers' Salaries	47,244.39	51,800.00	54,980.00
Scholars' Supplies	2,850.66	2,900.00	2,900.00
Textbooks	1,138.81	200.00	1,400.00
Other Expenses of Instruction	1,343.14	700.00	1,200.00
<b>OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT</b>			
Janitors' Salaries	4,129.73	4,714.00	4,680.00
Fuel	2,498.78	3,000.00	3,000.00
Water, Light, Janitor Supplies	1,753.18	1,800.00	1,900.00
<b>MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT</b>			
Repairs and Replacements	3,522.00	1,500.00	2,500.00
<b>AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES</b>			
Health Supervision	612.34	800.00	1,300.00
Transportation	6,775.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Special Activities	783.97	700.00	700.00
School Lunch	2,559.63	2,800.00	2,870.00

**FIXED CHARGES**

Retirement	2,968.92	3,200.00	3,200.00
Insurance	859.02	925.00	950.00

CONTINGENCY FUND		1,700.00	1,700.00
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**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Lands and Buildings		500.00	
Additions and Improvements	1,036.51	1,100.00	1,000.00
New Equipment	1,506.87	800.00	500.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$85,228.63	\$90,683.87	\$96,638.22
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**RECEIPTS ITEMS (Actual or Estimated)**

Balance	\$ 9,001.13	\$1,700.00	\$3,000.00
Federal Aid	350.02	300.00	300.00
Tuition	7,349.94	5000.00	8,500.00
Rent			360.00
Other Income	868.66		
Total Receipts other than Prop. Taxes	17,569.75	7,000.00	12,160.00
District Assessment			
(raised or to be raised)	84,822.60	83,683.87	84,478.22
Total Available			
(or to be Appropriated)	\$102,392.35	\$90,683.87	\$96,638.22

## School Calendar

1952 ————— 1953

Schools Open		Schools Close
September 3, 1952	16 weeks	December 19, 1952
December 29, 1952	8 weeks	February 20, 1953
March 2, 1953	7 weeks	April 17, 1953
April 27, 1953	7 weeks	June 12, 1953

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## Holidays

October 13, 1952 .....	Columbus Day
November 27, 28, 1952 .....	Thanksgiving
January 1, 1953 .....	New Year's Day

Total number of school days according to above calendar is 184. The minimum allowed by State Board regulations is 180. This means that days lost due to bad weather or other causes must not exceed 4. Any days missed in excess of 4, must be made up, probably by lengthening the school term after June 12.

Time taken during the year for institutes or attendance by teachers at educational meetings, not to exceed 8 days, need not be made up.

## DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

State Tax Comission — Concord, New Hampshire

July 31, 1951

The School Board  
Meredith School District  
Meredith, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an audit and examination of the accounts of the Meredith School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1951, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the District. Exhibits as herewith listed are included as part of the report.

As indicated by the Balance Sheet, Exhibit A, the financial condition of the District changed during the year from a Net Debt of \$1,978.96 to a Surplus of \$6,107.38.

The Summary of the School District appropriation account, Exhibit I, indicates a balance due from the Town of Meredith on account of the 1950-51 school tax of \$5,333.24. This balance should be paid over to the School District by the Town.

The Balance Sheet of June 30, 1951, Exhibit A, indicates total current assets, consisting of cash and accounts receivable, of \$15,365.55. Offsetting current liabilities amounted to \$9,258.17, leaving a current surplus of \$6,107.38. The amount of the current surplus, \$6,107.38, should be considered as estimated revenue in determining the 1951-52 school tax.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director

Div. Mun. Accounting -State Tax. Comm.

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor  
Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant





**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING**  
**State Tax Commission — Concord, New Hampshire**

July 31, 1951

**Certificate of Audit**

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Meredith School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1951, and found them to be in order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the School District, together with the results of operation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director  
Div. Mun. Accounting -State Tax. Comm.

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor  
Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

# Exhibit A

## MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Comparative Balance Sheets

	Fiscal Yr. Ended June 30, 1950 (Revised)	Fiscal Yr. Ended June 30, 1951
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Treasurer's Cash on Hand:</b>		
General Account	\$5,811.89	\$9,001.13
School Lunch Acct. (Contra)	359.89	354.50
Balance of 1950-51 Approp.		5,333.24
<b>Accounts Receivable:</b>		
George-Barden Funds from State	350.02	428.47
Dog License from Town	470.40	
National School Lunch Funds (Contra)	162.67	123.87
Tuition (O. R. Gilbert)		124.34
Total Assets	\$7,154.87	\$15,365.55
Net Debt	1,978.96	
Total Assets and Net Debt	\$9,133.83	\$15,365.55
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Accounts Payable:</b>		
Payrolls July & Aug.	\$7,283.85	\$7,107.98
<b>School Lunch Program:</b>		
Unexpended Funds (contra)	359.89	354.50
National School Lunch Funds (contra)	162.67	123.87
<b>Equipment &amp; Expense:</b>		
Bills Outstanding	112.22	
<b>Appropriation Balances:</b>		
Additions & Improvements	443.00	906.49
New Equipment	622.20	615.33
Cooperative School Comm.	150.00	150.00
Total Liabilities	\$9,133.83	\$9,258.17
Surplus		6,107.38
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$9,133.83	\$15,365.55

**Exhibit B**  
**MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Reconciliation of Change in Financial Condition**

**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1951**

Net Debt—June 30, 1950	\$1,978.96
Surplus—June 30, 1951	6,107.38
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Change in Financial Condition	\$8,086.34

**Factors Affecting Decrease in Debt:**

Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit D)	\$7,705.97
Accounts Payable Decrease	288.09
Transfer of School Lunch Funds from General Acct. to Special Acct.	359.89
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	\$8,353.95

**Factors Affecting Increase in Debt:**

Accounts Receivable Decrease	267.61
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Net Change	\$8,086.34

# Exhibit C

## MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

#### Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1951

Title of Account	Liabilities Forwarded from 1949-50	Appropriations 1950-51	Receipts & Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1950-51	Balances Unexpended	Liabilities Forwarded to 1951-52
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Administration:</b>							
Salaries of District Officers	\$	285.00	\$	285.00	\$185.00	\$100.00	\$
Superintendent's Salary (local share)		861.64		861.64	1,101.90	240.26	
Tax for Statewide Supervision		754.00		754.00	754.00		
Salaries of other Adm. Personnel		762.51		762.51	837.51	75.00	
Supplies and Expenses		864.45		864.45	767.27	97.18	
<b>Instruction:</b>							
Teachers' Salaries		55,000.00		55,000.00	42,815.45)	7,755.61	
Principals' Salaries					4,428.94)		
Books & other Instructional Aids		1,800.00		1,800.00	1,138.81	661.19	
Scholars' Supplies		2,400.00		2,400.00	2,850.66	450.66	
Supplies and Other Expenses		900.00		900.00	1,343.14	443.14	
<b>Operation of School Plant:</b>							
Salaries of Janitors		4,314.00		4,314.00	4,129.73	184.27	
Fuel or Heat		2,100.00		2,100.00	2,498.78	398.78	
Water, Light Supplies and Expenses		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,753.18		253.18

### Maintenance of School Plant:

Repairs and Replacements	2,500.00		2,500.00	3,522.00		1,022.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities:</b>						
Health Supervision	800.00		800.00	612.34	187.66	
Transportation	7,500.00		7,500.00	6,775.00	725.00	
Tuition		112.50	112.50	112.50		
<b>Special Activities and Special Funds:</b>						
Special Activities	800.00		800.00	671.47	128.53	
School Lunch—District	2,400.00		2,400.00	2,559.63		159.63
Contingency Fund	1,700.00		1,700.00		1,700.00	
<b>Fixed Charges:</b>						
Retirement	1,956.00		1,956.00	2,968.92		1,012.92
Insurance, Treas. Bond & Expenses	925.00		925.00	859.02	65.98	
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>						
Additions & Improvements to Bldgs.	443.00		1,943.00	1,036.51		906.49
New Equipment	622.20		2,122.20	1,506.87		615.33
Cooperative Schools Committee	150.00		150.00			150.00
<b>TOTALS</b>						
	\$1,215.20	\$93,122.60	\$112.50	\$85,228.63	\$11,605.42	\$4,055.57
						\$1,671.82



**Exhibit D**  
**MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1951**

Source	Revenues		Excess	Deficit
	Estimated	Actual		
Federal Aid	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.02	\$50.02	\$
Tuition	8,000.00	7,349.94		650.06
Dog Licenses—1949 Account		470.40	470.40	
Trust Fund Income		40.98	40.98	
Rent—Office & Gym		115.60	115.60	
Transfer from Payroll Account				
to General Funds		43.72	43.72	
Insurance Refunds		62.96	62.96	
Sale of Engine and Supplies		17.50	17.50	
Filing Flees		5.00	5.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$8,300.00</b>	<b>\$8,456.12</b>	<b>\$806.18</b>	<b>\$650.06</b>

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

Unexpended Balances of Approp.	\$11,605.42	
Overdrafts of Appropriations	4,055.57	
Net Unexpended Balance of Approp.		\$7,549.85
Actual Revenues	8,456.12	
Estimated Revenues	8,300.00	
Net Revenue Surplus		156.12
Net Budget Surplus		\$7,705.97

**Exhibit E**  
**MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures**

**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1951**

**Receipts**

**Federal Aid:**

Smith-Hughes & George-Barden	\$ 350.02
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**Local Taxation:**

Current Appropriation	79,489.36
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**Other Sources:**

Tuition	\$7,349.94
Income from Trust Funds	40.98

**Other Items:**

Dog Licenses—1949 Account	470.40
Office Rent	45.60
Rent of Gymnasium	70.00
Transfer from Payroll Acct. to General Funds	43.72
Insurance Recovery	40.98
Insurance Premium Refund	21.98
Sale of Engine and Supplies	17.50
Filing Fees	5.00
Tuition (Contra)	112.50

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8,218.60

Total Receipts from all Sources	\$88,057.98
Balance on Hand—June 30, 1950	6,171.78

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Grand Total	\$94,229.76
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**Expenditures**

**Administration:**

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 185.00
Superintendent's Salary (local share)	1,101.90
Tax for Statewide Supervision	754.00
Salaries of other Adm. Personnel	837.51
Supplies and Expenses	767.27

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\$3,645.68

**Instruction:**

Teachers' Salaries	\$42,815.45	
Principals' Salaries	4,428.94	
Books and other Instructional Aids	1,138.81	
Scholars' Supplies	2,850.66	
Supplies and other Expenses	1,343.14	
	<hr/>	\$52,577.00

**Operation of School Plant:**

Salaries of Janitors	4,129.73	
Fuel or Heat	2,498.78	
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	1,753.18	
	<hr/>	8,381.69

**Maintenance of School Plant:**

Repairs and Replacements	3,522.00
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**Auxiliary Activities:**

Health Supervision	612.34	
Transportation	6,775.00	
Tuition (Contra)	112.50	
Special Activities & Special Funds	671.47	
School Lunch (Federal & Dist. Funds)	2,559.63	
	<hr/>	10,730.94

**Fixed Charges:**

Retirement	2,968.92	
Insurance, Treas. Bonds & Expenses	859.02	
	<hr/>	3,827.94

**Capital Outlay:**

Additions & Improvements to Bldgs.	1,036.51	
New Equipment	1,506.87	
	<hr/>	2,543.38

Total Expenditures for All Purposes	\$85,228.63
Balance on Hand—June 30, 1951	9,001.13

Grand Total	<hr/> \$94,229.76
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**Exhibit F**  
**MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Summary of Receipts and Expenditures**  
**And Proof of Treasurer's Balance**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1951**

Balance on Hand—June 30, 1950	\$6,171.78	
Receipts During School Year	88,057.98	
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		\$94,229.76
Expenditures During School Year		85,228.63
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Balance on Hand—June 30, 1951		\$9,001.13
<b>Proof of Treasurer's Balance</b>		
Balance in the Meredith Trust Co.—		
as per Statement of June 29, 1951	\$11,523.95	
Less: Checks Outstanding	2,522.82	
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Balance on Hand—June 30, 1951		\$9,001.13

**Exhibit H**  
**MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Statement of School Lunch Program Account**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1951**  
**Treasurer's Account**

Balance on Hand—July 1, 1950		\$ 359.89
<b>Receipts During School Year:</b>		
Federal—Nat. School Lunch Funds	\$2,980.88	
School District—School Lunch Funds	2,559.63	
<b>Local School Lunch Sales:</b>		
High School	3,516.42	
Lang Street School	2,969.04	
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		12,025.97
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		12,385.86
Expenditures During School Year (*)		12,031.36
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Balance on Hand—June 30, 1951		\$ 354.50

\*No classification available.

# School District Financial Report

1950 — 1951

## RECEIPTS

### Federal Aid:

George-Barden Fund (Home Economics Expenses)	\$ 350.02
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### Local Taxation:

Current appropriation	79,489.36
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### Other Sources:

Tuition	Secondary	Elementary	
Center Harbor	\$2,367.71	\$	
Holderness	1,012.50		
Moultonboro	3,663.79		
Sandwich (pd by parents)	153.94		
New Hampton		152.00	
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	7,197.94	152.00	7,349.94

### Miscellaneous:

Income from trust funds	40.98	
Dog licenses, 1949 acct.	470.40	
Office rent	45.30	
Gymnasium rent	70.00	
Transfer from payroll acct. to general funds	43.72	
Insurance recovery	40.98	
Insurance premium refund	21.98	
Sale of engine & supplies	17.50	
Filing fees	5.00	
Tuition over-payment	112.50	
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		868.66

Total receipts from all sources	\$88,057.98
Balance on hand—June 30, 1950	6,171.78

Grand Total	\$94,229.76
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## EXPENDITURES

### Administration:

Salaries of District Officers		\$ 185.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)		1,101.90
Tax for state-wide supervision		754.00
Other administrative personnel		
Supt.'s secretary (local share)	\$712.51	
Truant officer and census taker	50.00	
Bookkeeper (school board books)	75.00	837.51
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### Other expenses of administration

Bank service charges & check books	62.32	
Share Supervisory Union No. 2 exp.	424.19	
Postage	78.90	
State auditing	51.90	
Blank forms and printing	111.75	
Miscellaneous	38.21	767.27
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### Instruction:

	Secondary	Elementary	
Teachers' salaries	\$25,161.66	\$22,082.73	47,244.39
Books & other			
instructional aids	561.82	576.99	1,138.81
Scholars' supplies	1,819.40	1,031.26	2,850.66
Other expenses instruction:			
Films	56.64	33.28	
Handwriting supervision		500.00	
Telephone	152.43	93.10	
Petty cash	38.14	27.97	
Testing materials	27.05		
Teaching materials	148.52	56.38	
Blank forms	38.56		
Graduation expenses	158.57		
Key Theatre	12.50		
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	\$632.41	\$710.73	\$1,343.14

**Operation of school plant:**

Janitors' salaries	2,090.13	2,039.60	4,129.73
Fuel:			
Peter Dutile	320.55	320.00	
Gardner Fuel Service		69.32	
Harry's Amoco	578.43	139.50	
Ralph N. Piper		294.36	
Wilkins Coal Co.	388.31	388.31	
	<hr/> 1,287.29	<hr/> 1,211.49	2,498.78
Water, light, supplies, etc.			
Water rent	40.54	67.87	
Light & power	593.71	430.45	
Janitors' supplies, etc.	314.10	306.51	
	<hr/> 948.35	<hr/> 804.83	1,753.18

**Maintenance of school plant:**

Repairs and replacements			
Fire protection	8.50	15.75	
Painting	997.79		
Carpentry and hardware	249.81	578.04	
Grounds and driveways	19.95	14.65	
Trucking	69.25	49.25	
Plumbing & heating	507.56	194.76	
Electrical	173.98	122.47	
Equip. & furniture repairs	376.21	132.03	
Cleaning		12.00	
	<hr/> 2,403.05	<hr/> 1,118.95	3,522.00

**Auxiliary Activities:**

Health supervision	302.02	310.32	612.34
Transportation	1,663.00	5,107.00	6,775.00
Tuition (refund)	112.50		112.50
Other Special Activities:			
Athletics	308.81		
Hot lunch	1,230.00	1,329.63	
Driver Training	132.04		
Music Dept.		2.52	
Prescott Park			
(drilling test holes)	70.00		
Prize Speaking	16.50		
Collector Internal Rev.			
(1947 adjustment)	43.56	43.55	
Special police, gym	21.00		
Miscellaneous	24.25	9.24	
	<hr/> 1,846.16	<hr/> 1,384.94	3,231.10

**Fixed Charges:**

Retirement	1,458.07	1,510.85	2,968.92
Insurance & Treas. bond	425.07	433.44	859.02

**Capital Outlay:**

## Additions and Improvements:

(Lights)

Robert D. Holland		986.51	
Richard L. Plaisted	50.00		1,036.51

## New Equipment:

Physical education	139.00	197.16	
Music Dept.	90.00	16.00	
Maps and Globes		211.42	
Furniture	120.92	535.92	
Shop equipment	66.45		
Office Equipment	130.00		
	<hr/> 546.37	<hr/> 960.50	1,506.87

Total payments for all purposes	\$85,228.63
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Cash on hand at end of year	9,001.13
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Grand Total	<hr/> \$94,229.76
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## Report of District Treasurer

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1951

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Cash on Hand June 30, 1950 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$6,171.78
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**Received from Selectmen:**

Current Appropriation	\$79,489.36	
Received from State Treasurer	350.02	
Received from all Other Sources	8,218.60	
	<hr/>	\$88,057.98

Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year (Balance and Receipts)	94,229.76
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Less School Board Orders Paid	85,228.63
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Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1951 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	<hr/> \$9,001.13
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MARION W. CHASE

District Treasurer

# Report of Superintendent and Principal

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## The Annual School Meeting

Some of the warrant articles to be acted upon at the annual meeting require explanation.

### Article 9—Rescinding previous vote

At the special meeting last May it was voted to build a four-room addition at the Lang Street School, but the record does not show the two-thirds vote required to borrow the \$75,000 necessary for this addition, so no building was undertaken.

Some people feel that it would be unwise to invest so much in that building, and that the matter should be reconsidered. Hence the article permitting the voters to rescind the previous vote if they so desire. This requires a majority vote.

### Article 10—Borrowing Money for the Lang St. Addition.

If the voters under article 9, vote to rescind their action of last May, this article may be dismissed. However, if the majority still approve of the four-room addition at Lang Street, they will act under article 10 to borrow the \$75,000. For this, a two-thirds vote is required.

### Article 11—Establishing a Capital Reserve Fund.

Some feel that we should make a start at this time to provide funds for a new school, even though the plans are not now definite. The money so voted will be placed in the hands of the trustees of trust funds, and will be available, with accumulated interest, when the time comes to build. Such funds cannot be used for current expenses.

## Need of an Elementary School Principal

In 1947, the school board elected a full-time principal for the Lang Street School. Robert Bragg filled this position very satisfactorily for three years, then resigned to accept a position elsewhere.

Since no qualified candidates to replace Mr. Bragg could be found in the late summer, the board decided to relieve the high school principal of all teaching duties and give him the responsibility of the principalship of both buildings. This plan has been in effect since September; last year under Mr. Delaney, and this year under Mr. Rogers.



We have found that one man cannot give adequate time and attention to both jobs. The high school program demands the great majority of a principal's time, and the elementary pupils have not had the benefit of individual guidance they need. No man can be in two places at once. Our recommendation is that a full-time principal be employed for the elementary school. The school board agrees with this recommendation, and has made provision in the budget for the salary of such a person.

### **Meredith Center School**

Last fall a plan was proposed to transfer a few of the pupils from the crowded classes at Lang Street, and maintain a primary school at the Center. This suggestion met with disapproval on the part of about all the parents concerned. After a public meeting to listen to objectors, the school board abandoned the idea.

At the present time, only ten pupils are enrolled at Meredith Center. Next year, it seems likely that only five will wish to attend that school. This small enrollment may make it necessary to close the school temporarily at the end of the present school year. The services of the teacher may be needed, however, to help with the large incoming first grade that is expected.

### **Anticipated Enrollment**

According to the school census just completed, the enrollment in the various grades at Lang Street at the beginning of school next September is estimated as follows:

Grade 6 .....	31
Grade 5 .....	33
Grade 4 .....	31
Grade 3 .....	49
Grade 2 .....	41
Grade 1 .....	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>

It is proposed to assign these pupils to eight teachers, as follows:

Teacher A — Grade 6 .....	31
Teacher B — Grade 5 .....	33
Teacher C — Grade 4 .....	31
Teacher D — Part of grade 3 .....	30
Teacher E — Parts of grades 2 & 3	30
Teacher F — Part of grade 2 .....	30
Teacher G — Part of grade 1 .....	27
Teacher H — Part of grade 1 ....	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>

It is proposed to put a temporary partition in the large room downstairs now used as lunch or assembly room, and use one portion of this room as a classroom. This arrangement has been approved by the State Board of Education as a temporary measure.

Another alternative would be to set up a program of double sessions, arranging for the children assigned to Teacher F and Teacher G to come in the morning and those for Teacher E and Teacher H to attend during the afternoon.

### **Our Teaching Staff**

Meredith opened its schools last September with an unusually large percentage of new teachers, as follows: George Rogers, principal; Dorothy Eichel, commerce; Eugene Weiss, science; Marjorie Collins, home economics; Ruth Hodges, music; Elmer I. Silva, physical education; Lois Querim, grade 5.

In December, Eugene Weiss was called into military service and Paul Pickwick, who received his degree at Plymouth Teachers College in January, was elected in his place.

### **State-wide Supervision**

Occasionally it seems appropriate to explain in this report the New Hampshire state plan of school supervision. To many readers this is a familiar story, but others will find it new.

In New Hampshire all public schools are supervised by a superintendent who is chosen by the local school boards and employed by the State Board of Education. With the exception of the larger cities, the superintendent serves from two to eight school districts, which make up a "supervisory union." Meredith is one of the six towns in the Ashland-Meredith supervisory union, the others being Center Harbor, Holderness, Moultonboro and Sandwich.

The superintendent's salary is paid in part by the state and in part by the local districts. Other expenses of his office, including the salary of a secretary, are paid entirely by the six districts in the union. The amount to be assessed for these purposes is determined by a meeting of the union board (all six school boards meeting together) which is usually held in December. The total union budget voted for the year 1952-53 is \$8,641. This is apportioned among the six districts on the basis of school enrollment and adjusted valuation. Meredith's share for the year 1952-53 is 34.2 percent of the total.

## Teachers are Scarce

Fifty years ago a young man who wanted to work his way through school could stay out for a term or two and teach school to earn money. School boards did not think too much about finding teachers who were well trained..... anyone who was strong in discipline would do. "Teachers are born, not made," was a common saying.

Today parents are not content to have an unqualified teacher for their children. To be a teacher, one must have either a college degree or some experience in teaching. The most crucial problem of public education today is that of providing our children with teachers who are well qualified. Not enough teachers graduate from our state teachers colleges each year to fill the positions that are open, and this shortage is nation-wide. New Hampshire loses each year 100 or more of its teachers to other states that offer better salaries.

Two of the best ways to halt this trend and to set about holding our good teachers in New Hampshire, as well as recruiting young people to enter the profession, are to pay adequate salaries based upon a definitely established salary schedule and to provide satisfactory conditions of employment. Therefore, the State Board of Education has suggested that local school boards act at once to develop a salary schedule or guide for their school system. Those school boards which have already developed and adopted salary schedules can testify to their value and improved morale-building results.

In many districts, including Meredith, the school board, has adopted a salary schedule which provides an annual increase for teachers who are doing satisfactory work. Under our schedule, a beginning salary of \$2,400 for a teacher with a bachelor's degree is provided, with an increase of \$100 annually for eight years.

For the year 1951-52, the average salary paid to teachers in New Hampshire is \$2,940. The average in the Ashland-Meredith union is \$2,514, and that of the Meredith teachers is \$2,512.

Respectfully submitted,

ALMON W. BUSHNELL, Superintendent  
GEORGE H. ROGERS, Principal

## Report of School Nurse

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The school health program has followed much the same pattern as last year. Daily visits have been made to Lang Street School and high school and weekly visits to the Meredith Center School.

Dr. Turley has finished physical examinations on students in the 12th, 11th, 9th and 7th grades and on young people participating in competitive sports, including the 7th and 8th grades.

It is planned to give the Patch Test for tuberculosis to all those requesting it sometime this spring; this will include the 1st grade, new students and school personnel.

Vision testing has been completed and the results sent home to the parents. It has been found necessary for several young people to wear glasses at least part of the day.

The Maico audiometer, which is used by other school nurses in this section of the state, will be available soon. Students in all grades, 1 to 12, will be tested and any possible defect reported to their parents.

The dental program will be sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Association. A dental hygienist will examine the teeth of the young people in grades 1 to 8 and recommendations will be sent home to the parents.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. CURTIS, R.N.  
School Nurse



## Table of Attendance Statistics

School and Teacher	Number half days school in session	Total enrollment	Number of pupils (Av. membership)	Percent of attendance	Pupils not absent or tardy entire year
<b>High School</b>					
Grades 9—12	346	139	129.5	94.70	16
<b>Junior High School</b>					
Grade 8	346	30	29.90	97.36	1
Grade 7	346	37	35.71	97.92	8
<b>Lang Street School</b>					
Grade 6	346	33	32.55	96.53	4
Jean Smith					
Grade 5	346	30	25.65	93.53	1
Elizabeth Bickford					
Grade 4	346	31	29.97	94.36	2
Hope Lincoln					
Grade 3	346	39	35.41	94.83	1
Dorothy Guyotte					
Grade 2	346	33	29.93	90.94	0
Eleanor Rock					
Grades 1 & 2	346	32	28.66	91.35	2
Dorothy Wilkins					
Grade 1	346	36	35.69	93. 3	0
Nina A. Taylor					
<b>Meredith Center School</b>					
Ethelyn Thomas	344	17	14.37	92.56	3
ALL MEREDITH	346	457	427.4	93.90	38



# Present School Enrollment and Teaching Staff

1951 ——— 1952

## HIGH SCHOOL:

Enrollment	Teacher	Subject
Grade 12.....34	George H. Rogers	Principal
	Elmer I. Silva	Physical Education
Grade 11.....33	Leland W. Collins	Shop
Grade 10.....33	Dorothy Eichel	Commerce
Grade 9.....38	Albert Aucoin	Social Science
Grade 8.....35	John E. Humiston	Mathematics
Grade 7.....30	Ruth Humiston	Junior High
	Enid Randall	English
	Marjorie Collins	Home Economics
	(Eugene Weiss	
	(Paul A. Pickwick	Science

## LANG STREET—George H. Rogers, Principal

Grade 6.....26	Jean Smith
Grade 5.....28	Lois Querim
Grade 4.....33	Hope Lincoln
Grade 3.....33	Elizabeth A. Bickford
Grade 2.....35	Eleanor Rock, Room W
Grades 1 & 2 30	Dorothy Wilkins, Room U
Grade 1.....30	Nina A. Taylor, Room T
Meredith Ctr. 10	Ethelyn M. Thomas
Total	428

Supervisor of Music — Ruth L. Hodges

## Honor Roll of Perfect Attendance

Not Absent or Tardy Entire Year ..... 1950-51

Glenna Anair	Lorraine Harvey
Theola Kennedy	Dorothy McCormack
Marie McGuigan	Madeline Nedeau
Beverly Avery	Elizabeth Davis
Shirley Walker	Larry Gagne
David Kimball	Norma McGuigan
Richard Mooney	Howard Niles
Dawn Wyatt	David Brown
Weymonth Fogg	Morris Goss
Richard Heinz	George Horne
Dexter Weare	Margaret Collard
Natalie Fournier	Carol Hart
Barbara Seeley	Geraldine Sirles
Priscilla Weeks	Joyce Harvey
Arnold Piper	John Sherman
Marie Young	David Frawley
Billy Veasey	Marie Biddiscombe
Elmer Frawley	Sally Nelson

Adrienne Biddiscombe

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## Tuition Pupils — Fall Term 1951

Center Harbor .....	17
Holderness .....	4
Moultonboro .....	19
New Hampton .....	2
*Sandwich .....	1

\* Paid by Parents

# Meredith High School Graduating Class 1951

James M. Amabile	Leah Claire Knowles
Richard A. Barthelson	John Norholm Manson
Constance May Bickford	Diane Mary Mooney
Harold A. Chase	Mary-Jane Lee Oliver
Lewis S. Clark	Nancy Ann Palm
Joanne Marie Cook	Eleanor I. Royea
Norma Jane Ferrin	James L. Ruel
Robert H. Fournier	Charles A. Tilton
John Lister Greatorex	Arthur Hurd, Jr.
Jeanne Carolyn Hartshorn	

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## Special Awards

The following prizes were announced or presented at the graduation exercises:

Mary D. Blaisdell Improvement Award	.....	Harold Chase
American Legion Citizenship Award	.....	Diane Mooney
Bausch & Lomb Science Award	.....	John Greatorex
Alumni Loyalty Cup	.....	Norma Ferrin
Balfour Plaque and Key Award	.....	Diane Mooney
American Legion No. 33 Award	.....	Constance Bickford
Becker Business College Award	.....	Nancy Palm
Reader's Digest Award	....	John Greatorex, Diane Mooney
Legion Auxiliary Award	.....	Patricia Turley (Grade 8)
Meredith Women's Club Scholarship	..	Constance Bickford
Roger H. Wyatt Memorial Award	.....	Mary Oliver
Huntress All Round Achievement Cup	.....	John Manson
Daughters of American Revolution Award		Dianne Mooney
Babe Ruth Award	.....	Harold Chase



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# VITAL STATISTICS

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# BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire  
For the Year Ending December 31, 1951

Date of Birth	Name of Child (If Any)	Number	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1951				
JAN.				
8	Edward Alan	2	Richard S. Merrill	Marjorie A. Hutchins
14	Priscilla Trois	3	Roy L. Atteberry	Miriam P. Ropes
23	Philip Edward	3	Edgar Wm. Dorais	Frances E. Smith
26	Sherman Howard	1	Keith H. Nutter	Florence E. Presby
FEB.				
10	Charleen Marie	2	John H. Haddock	Claire R. Allen
11	Donald	9	Joseph M. Pelczar	Jennie M. Lisowski
15	Gail Marie	2	Wellington L. Goss	Theresa E. J. Cote
25	Susan Ethel	2	Lindsey Miner	Avis E. Cotton
27	Baby George	2	George S. Bartlett	Pearl E. Twiss
27	Dianne	2	Donald E. Musgrove	Grace J. Kathan
28	Elizabeth Ann Jemery	4	Charles F. Jemery	Elizabeth B. Lutz
MAR.				
5	Patricia Ann	2	Raymond Harvey	Evelyn Davis
5	Shirley Louise	2	Aaron C. Smith	Geraldine L. Bryant
15	Kathleen Jean	7	Ellsworth E. Pickering	Elvira A. Nudd
19	Patricia Ellen	1	Walter H. Lance	Theresa M. McGuigan
27	Gary Paul	3	Charles A. Watkins	Florence A. Surowiec
28	Robert Alden, Jr.	3	Robert A. Weeks	Bernice R. Bernard
APR.				
3	Scott Jean	5	Dana P. Peabody	Lorraine I. Manchester
21	Elwood Allen	1	Donald E. Pike	Joyce I. Fortier
26	Gustave Andrew	1	Gustave A. Nelson	Edna J. Bailey
MAY				
8	Nancy Lee	8	George B. Dickinson	Dorothy Durgin
9	James Craig	2	John F. Robertson	Mary L. Kennon
JUNE				
3	Lawrence Elwood, Jr.	2	Lawrence E. Morris	Barbara L. Anderson
8	Thomas Daniel	3	George A. Chaloner	Alice J. Pelley
18	Merlin Edwin III	2	Merlin E. Jacobs, Jr.	Avis I. Thurston
21	Stella Jeannette	6	Aurele W. Turcotte	Stella B. Peters
21	Rayna Ruth	3	Raymond D. Young	Anna M. Maguire
22	Francene Elinor	6	Walter P. Hoyt	Elinor E. Bodge
JULY 1				
1	Leslie Bixby, Jr.	3	Leslie B. Weeks	Ruby L. Cote
2	Linda Joyce	1	Robert J. Ellsworth	Jane E. Dame
6	Ralph Edward	3	John F. Watson	Evelyn M. Lewis
12	June Elizabeth	2	Malcolm M. Allen	Mary E. B. Maine
12	Julie Mae	1	Malcolm M. Allen	Mary E. B. Maine
12	Janet Bertha	5	Wayne G. Kelley	Ruth M. Shute
22	Robert Alan	2	Fay R. Beede	Martha J. Brown
AUG.				
4	Andrew Raymond	1	Raymond A. Bolduc	Yolanda A. Palisi
8	Dennis Michael	1	Paul V. Kelly	Barbara A. Towle
22	Julie Ann	1	Robert A. Williams	Pauline R. Birge
24	Baby Boy	5	Armand L. Leroux	Harriet L. Harvey
31	Russell Thomas	3	Russell C. Hart	Helen Treger
SEPT.				
1	Timothy Robert	2	Robert W. Brewster	Marie A. P. Conlon
3	Lynn Louise	2	Robert W. Montana	Helen Wherett
17	Prudy Susan	3	Adrian Marshall	Elizabeth V. Kuenzler
17	Holly	1	Ralph J. Samaha	Priscilla J. Thompson
29	Robert Lloyd	2	Robert E. Bacon	Beverly Lloyd
30	Gerald Wayne	2	Kenneth L. Cowing	Irene J. Lugliani

# BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire  
For the Year Ending December 31, 1951

Date of Birth	Name of Child (If Any)	Number	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
<b>OCT.</b>				
4	Suzanne Dolores	3	Olin A. Drake	Hattie M. Ingraham
9	Carol Jeanne	1	John E. Humiston	Beverly Seaverns
17	Terry Lee	2	Roger F. Copp	Jean Simpson
19	Roger	3	John R. Weeks	Alice V. Smith
20	Kathy Lou	2	Louis Pelczar	Josephine I. Holmes
24	Ramona May	2	Clarence E. Pickering	Margaret E. Shaw
<b>NOV.</b>				
7	Don Clifford	2	Charles T. Wilson	Marjorie G. Hewitt
10	Kathryn Simpson	2	Roger P. Bean	Marilyn A. Allard
16	Paul Gregory	5	George I. Davis	Margaret C. Sward
19	Ellis Andrew	2	Edsel A. Woodward	Barbara F. Jones
<b>DEC.</b>				
1	Robert Edward	1	Lawrence E. Swain	Elizabeth M. Horne
9	Susan Elizabeth	2	Robert W. Rhodes	Elizabeth J. Atkinson
13	Bradley John Nash	2	Alton O. Nash	Barbara J. Clow
16	Carol Joan	1	Walter H. Kestler	Veronica M. Remish
21	Jane Mary	7	William Brunt	Dorothy H. Baker
22	Nancy Irene	6	Sylvester C. Weeks	Anna Mae Jenness
27	Zilla Mae	2	Jonas A. Eastwood	Ethel F. Vittum

# MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire

For the Year Ending December 31, 1951

Date	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each At Time of Marriage	Age of Each	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
1951				
JAN.				
8	Victor L. Thompson	Tilton	35	Guy U. Horne, J. P.
	Hazel M. Avery	Meredith	21	Meredith
17	John H. Duffy, Jr.	Chelmsford, Mass.	29	Rev. Francis L. Cooper
	Phyllis L. Woolston	Needham, Mass.	38	Meredith
FEB.				
4	Fred H. Whiting	Meredith	55	Rev. Paul A. Nystedt
	Georgie M. Farnham	Meredith	48	Meredith
23	Robert J. Ellsworth	Belmont	18	Guy R. Hamel, J. P.
	Jane E. Dame	Meredith	16	Belmont
MAR.				
31	John H. Jacobs	Saugus, Mass.	67	Guy U. Horne, J. P.
	Lena B. Smith	Saugus, Mass.	63	Meredith
APR.				
21	Vincent A. Giacchetti	Dorchester, Mass.	21	Guy U. Horne, J. P.
	Margaret M. Cannon	Lynn, Mass.	19	Meredith
MAY				
18	Orvis E. Bunker	Rochester	45	Geo. O. Stewart, J. P.
	Susie P. Dame	Meredith	44	Moultonboro
JUNE				
16	Richard F. Cole, Jr.	Meredith	39	Rev. Wilfrid H. Bunker
	Helen F. Swan	Durham	31	Durham
9	Floyd E. Ames	Portland, Maine	36	Guy U. Horne, J. P.
	Gertrude V. Phillips	Portland, Maine	38	Meredith
17	William H. Ames	Moultonboro	20	Rev. Francis L. Cooper
	Leah Claire Knowles	Meredith	17	Meredith
24	Walter A. Brooks	Laconia	37	Rev. Francis L. Cooper
	Rita M. Turley	Meredith	39	Meredith
30	Frederick A. Trevor, Jr.	Melrose, Mass.	22	Rev. Arthur W. Leaker
	Marion R. Horne	Meredith	26	Ashland
JULY				
8	Maurice J. Renshaw	Vineland, N. J.	21	Rev. Robert S. Baker
	Mary J. Stafford	Meredith Center	21	Center Harbor
12	William W. Lance	Meredith	23	Rev. John J. Bosa
	Rita M. Mooney	Meredith	22	Meredith
AUG.				
18	George E. Kelsey	Woodbury, N. J.	21	Rev. Paul A. Nystedt
	Martha M. Nystedt	Meredith	22	Meredith
25	Chester P. Haire, Jr.	Middleboro, Mass.	19	Rev. Charles T. Wilson
	Patricia Ann Converse	Holderness	18	Meredith
31	Kurt Roberts	Canada	49	Guy U. Horne, J. P.
	Grace R. Racine	Somerville, Mass.	46	Meredith
SEPT.				
17	Edwin W. Moulton	Meredith	32	Rev. John H. Quinlan
	Marie J. Landrigan	Newton, Mass.	28	Newton, Mass.
OCT.				
6	Roger A. Morse	Saugerties, N. Y.	24	Rev. Otto R. Loverude
	Mary Louise Smith	Meredith Center	25	Lowell, Mass.
27	John W. Rideout	Meredith	39	Rev. Francis L. Cooper
	Barbara E. Kempton	Meredith	23	Meredith
30	Henry M. Spindle	Meredith	73	Theo. S. Jewett, J. P.
	Lilla M. Farnham	Tamworth	61	Laconia
NOV.				
5	Martin P. Bernard, Jr.	Meredith	32	Guy U. Horne, J. P.
	Marjorie Merrill	Meredith	23	Meredith
DEC.				
20	William J. Wallingford	Meredith	39	Rev. John H. Olsen
	Helen S. Smith	Meredith	39	Somersworth
7	Walter C. Patten	Meredith	39	Rev. Fred'k Fitzpatrick
	Mary E. Maxfield	Laconia	24	Belmont

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1951 JAN.						
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2	Florence A. Watts	43			Wilton, N. H.	
17	Jennie C. Fulton	83			Danvers, Mass.	School Teacher
18	Arbell J. LaPoint	56			Medway, Maine	Carpenter's Helper
20	Shirley Woodrow	26			New Hampshire	Inmate
22	Emma L. Caverly	65			Moultonboro, N. H.	Housewife
FEB.						
11	Sharaline M. Haddock	1 day, 6 hrs.			Laconia, N. H.	
19	Luther Cotton	76			Columbia, Maine	Utility Executive
22	Charles E. Bunce	78			Dover, N. H.	Laborer
MAR.						
3	Bernice P. Haddock	51			New Hampshire	Housework
9	Frank H. Smith	81			Plymouth, N. H.	Farmer
14	Nellie C. Fogg	79			Meredith, N. H.	Housework
16	Rose L. Williams	85	6	3	Whitefield, N. H.	Housewife
25	Chester D. Avery	83			The Weirs, N. H.	Section Hand
APR.						
24	Oscar D. Glidden	81			Gilford, N. H.	Farmer
26	Nellie L. Smalley	83	7	6	Landaff, N. H.	Housewife
MAY						
1	Clarence Pickering	64			Meredith, N. H.	Farmer
3	Elmer F. Perkins	88			New Hampshire	Farmer
5	George F. Bartlett	70			Massachusetts	Casket Trimmer
14	John H. Swain	69			Hill, N. H.	Laborer
20	Nancy J. St. Clair	89			New Hampshire	Dressmaker (Ret.)
20	Alice M. Perkins	74			Moultonboro, N. H.	Housework
21	Elson C. Perkins	37			Center Harbor, N. H.	Mechanic
JUNE						
4	Edna T. Jackson	74			New Brunswick	Housewife
JULY						
5	Joseph E. Reed	82			New Bedford, Mass.	Salesman
6	Donald A. Guardino	16			New York City, N. Y.	Student
8	Joseph P. Valliere	70			Victoriaville, Can.	Carpenter
17	Bertha G. Izart	67			New Hampshire	Housework
29	Ermina G. Watson	82	5	23	Tuftsboro, N. H.	Housewife
31	Emily C. Stafford	84			Cornish, N. H.	Housewife
AUG.						
8	Earl R. Griffin	59			Hatley, P. Q.	Cabinet Maker
13	John G. Randlett	85			Belmont, N. H.	Farmer (Ret)
14	Georgiana Pickering	71			Sandwich, N. H.	Housework
17	Harry F. Gilman	59			Russia	Physician
19	Gertrude S. Towne	91			Massachusetts	Housewife
23	Lillian H. Robinson	63			Sandwich	Housewife
25	Baby Boy Leroux		7 hrs.		New Hampshire	
SEPT.						
1	Jack Davidson	79			Scotland	Farmer
6	Florence M. Crees	66	6	9	Richford, Vt.	Housewife
20	Fred B. Eastman	65			New Hampshire	Cook
27	Annie D. Alden	86			Waldoboro, Maine	Housewife
29	James F. Turley	78			Quebec	Carpenter (Ret)
OCT.						
1	Leonard F. Bigelow	45			Plymouth, N. H.	Lineman
16	Ernest G. Cook	74			Massachusetts	Farmer (Ret)



# MARRIAGES

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Date	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each At Time of Marriage	Age of Each	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
1951				
JAN.				
8	Victor L. Thompson Hazel M. Avery	Tilton Meredith	35 21	Guy U. Horne, J. P. Meredith
17	John H. Duffy, Jr. Phyllis L. Woolston	Chelmsford, Mass. Needham, Mass.	29 38	Rev. Francis L. Cooper Meredith
FEB.				
4	Fred H. Whiting Georgie M. Farnham	Meredith Meredith	55 48	Rev. Paul A. Nystedt Meredith
23	Robert J. Ellsworth Jane E. Dame	Belmont Meredith	18 16	Guy R. Hamel, J. P. Belmont
MAR.				
31	John H. Jacobs Lena B. Smith	Saugus, Mass. Saugus, Mass.	67 63	Guy U. Horne, J. P. Meredith
APR.				
21	Vincent A. Giacchetti Margaret M. Cannon	Dorchester, Mass. Lynn, Mass.	21 19	Guy U. Horne, J. P. Meredith
MAY				
18	Orvis E. Bunker Susie P. Dame	Rochester Meredith	45 44	Geo. O. Stewart, J. P. Moultonboro
JUNE				
16	Richard F. Cole, Jr. Helen F. Swan	Meredith Durham	39 31	Rev. Wilfrid H. Bunker Durham
9	Floyd E. Ames Gertrude V. Phillips	Portland, Maine Portland, Maine	36 38	Guy U. Horne, J. P. Meredith
17	William H. Ames Leah Claire Knowles	Moultonboro Meredith	20 17	Rev. Francis L. Cooper Meredith
24	Walter A. Brooks Rita M. Turley	Laconia Meredith	37 39	Rev. Francis L. Cooper Meredith
30	Frederick A. Trevor, Jr. Marion R. Horne	Melrose, Mass. Meredith	22 26	Rev. Arthur W. Leaker Ashland
JULY				
8	Maurice J. Renshaw Mary J. Stafford	Vineland, N. J. Meredith Center	21 21	Rev. Robert S. Baker Center Harbor
12	William W. Lance Rita M. Mooney	Meredith Meredith	23 22	Rev. John J. Bosa Meredith
AUG.				
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31	Kurt Roberts Grace R. Racine	Canada Somerville, Mass.	49 46	Guy U. Horne, J. P. Meredith
SEPT.				
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OCT.				
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27	John W. Rideout Barbara E. Kempton	Meredith Meredith	39 23	Rev. Francis L. Cooper Meredith
30	Henry M. Spindle Lilla M. Farnham	Meredith Tamworth	73 61	Theo. S. Jewett, J. P. Laconia
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7	Stephen McKeagney	7			New Hampshire	None
14	Lula LaBaron	68			Concord, N. H.	None
26	Mabel B. Meader	73			Brooklyn, N. Y.	Teacher
28	Robert F. Anderson	39			Lawrence, Mass.	Beamer
DEC.						
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11	George W. Robinson	79			Meredith, N. H.	Sec. Harvard
13	William H. VanDine	74			Canada	Box Fitter
28	Archie C. Mason	65			Brownfield, Maine	Laborer





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